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Touring clowns line up giggles galore



Stadium site work to begin

LONG-AWAITED work the former Cannock Sta-dium site will begin next month, it has been an-nounced. Children's play areas will be the first facilities built at

the new sports complex off Pye Green Road. They will

Pye Green Road. They will be ready to use by the end of April. Cannock's culture and sport chief, Councillor Christine Mitchell, said: "We went round some local schools to speak about the children's play areas. "They seemed to take to

"They seemed to take to They seemed to take to the plans really well. Work will start on the play areas at the start of March." Phase one of the redevel-opment project also includes

a multi-use games area, allotments, creation of footpaths and a new car park at a cost of £1.4 million.

Phase two of the project includes building a full-sized football pitch, community centre, skate board area and outdoor gym.

Cannock Stadium has

stood empty for the past six years. It closed in 2008, forcing groups to find new facilities.

The stadium site was originally earmarked for a housing development but plans were scrapped in 2012 when the council announced the site would instead be used for sport and leisure again.

Former postie dies aged 82

BURNTWOOD is mourning the loss of one of its favour-ite local characters, Lorna Taylor, who has died suddenly, aged 82.

denly, aged 82.

Mrs Taylor was for many years a local postlady and delivered the mail to many Burntwood residents, while for 35 years she was a leading and committed member of Emmanuel Church.

The funeral is at Emmanuel New Life Centre, in Cannock Road at 9.45am on Wednesday, followed by Streetly Crematorium. All

EISURE VIS N RISE AGAI

THE number of people using leisure centres and visiting cultural sites across Cannock is continuing to rise.

New figures show that between July and September last year there were 212,492 visits to attractions in the district, compared with 211,016 in 2013. Attendances at Prince of Wales Centre, Cannock, are also up by 21 per

By Heather Large

Wales Centre, Cannock cent on predictions.
There were 23,985 visits logged there during the period. Events at the theatre included Madness musical Our House and the town's first beer festival, which was attended by 1,000 people.
Figures have been released by Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust which took over the running of leisure services in the district in partnership with the council almost three years ago.

respectively. Chase Leisure Centre's swimming pool reopened in March in 2013 following closure in 2011.

The £6 million revamp of the centre in Stafford Road was opened by Olympic gold medal winning swimmer Rebecca Adlington.

But the number of people using health and fitness equipment at Chase Leisure Centre has fallen by around 13 per cent during the same

Successful

the number of school vists to the Museum of Cannock Chase were up by 32 per cent on the same quarter last year.

The number of people

Attendances were up by 37 per cent and five per cent

almost three years ago.

District council leader
Councillor George Adamson
described the rise in attendances as 'good news'. 13 per cent during the same period.

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The council's head of commissioning Mike Edmonds said in a report: "This dip is primarily being attributed to a new 24-hour gym opening nearby."

The period saw investment in new facilities at two sites in the district. Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust spent £50,000 on new training equipment including treadmills, crossovers and bikes at Chase Leisure Centre and the till system at the Prince of Wales Centre was also upgraded. He said: "The council works in partnership with Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust and it seems to be paying off. It's good news for the centres and theatre and hopefully good news for people's health. It's always great to see the Prince of Wales Theatre doing well."

As well as a successful period at the Prince of Wales, the number of school visits to the Museum of Cannock

Meanwhile, more than 700 children and their fam-ilies attended a new fitness project called My Family Fitness. The scheme aimed taking part in swimming lessons at Chase and Ruge-ley leisure centres has also increased with a total of 21,900 visits logged. at encouraging busy parents to get more active, either with or at the same time as their children has proven popular with families.

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Wolves fan Vera marks her 100th



Vera and her family with daughter Diana Jones, left, and great grandchildren Lilia and Emmet Bathurst, right

AN avid Wolves supporter from Cannock says she is still young at heart as she marked her 100th birthday.

Veronica Knowleson, of Marlyn House, Cannock Road, Blackfords, was born in Wolverhampton on January 27, 1915.

The retired GP receptionist, who is known as Vera, celebrated her milestone birthday with a party with 36 guests at The Barns Hotel in Huntington. She said: "In my heart I feel like a 50-year-old not 100."

Vera was the only child of Nellie and Percy Manning, who ran a chip shop busi-ness at a number of sites. She married hus-band Walter on September 14, 1939. He served in the RAF and shortly after they

tied the knot in Wolverhampton he was posted to Egypt for four years, where he was injured. Their daughter Diana Jones, 65, says her father suffered poor health when he returned and died aged 47 in 1961.

Vera worked for decades as a GP receptionist in the Bradmore area.

Vera celebrated her big day at a party attended by 36 guests including her grand-son Martyn, 37, who travelled from Sweden with his wife Malena and their children Lilia, five, and Emmett, two.

Vera also has a daughter Angela, 69, grandchildren Richard, 43, Robert, 40, and Charlotte, 39. Her eldest daughter Vanda passed away aged 65 in 2006.



Vera at the age of 21

330 jobs hope on revamp of town

MULTI-MILLION pound plans to redevelop Rugeley including the construction of new flood defences to protect more than 100 homes will kick-start its regeneration, council leaders say.

It is hoped the work will also attract new businesses to the town leading to the creation of 330 jobs.

The flood defence scheme,

The flood defence scheme, which will begin later this year, will see a 370-metre long embankment built along Western Springs Road along Western Springs Road to protect homes and busi-nesses. Council bosses say protecting sites at risk from flooding will mean business, leisure and housing development can take place in pre-viously avoided areas.

The project also includes building 150 homes while business properties in the conservation area will be

conservation area will be removated.

There will be improved links between the town centre and railway station, the canal and the employment areas at Towers Business Park and Power Station Road to make it easier for residents and visitors to get residents and visitors to get around.

around.

The district council has received £1.29 million of Local Growth Deal funding towards the scheme but says more than £25m will be invested in the town centre in the coming years as part of wider development plans.

Council to pay

CANNOCK Chase Council has agreed to pay all em-ployees the living wage from April 1.

Currently around 20 workers are paid less than £7.85 per hour.

The rise in their wages will cost the council £25,200 over 12 months.

Council leader George Adamson said: "I'm pleased and proud to do this."

The living wage is based on the amount an individual needs to earn to cover the basic costs of living.

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Margot's father in donor campaign Centre in

THE father of a toddler who died from two rare forms of leukaemia has spo-ken passionately about stem cell do-nation which can help extend or save

Yaser Martini, whose daughter Margot died last year after a world-wide search for a bone marrow donor, is urging people to sign up to the UK stem cell donor register.

Margot's mother, Vicki, is originally

from Essington. Mr Martini said: "I regard potential stem cell or bone marrow donation as 'the gateway' or entry point to other giving. It begets awareness and encourages people to think about other and more regular giving and end of life donations."

Meanwhile, more than 300 people - including comedian Simon Brodkin, known for his on-stage character Lee Nelson – signed up to the UK stem cell

register inspired by toddler Margot. Team Margot held its first registration event for potential bone marrow donor since she died. The event, in partnership with Delete Blood Cancer UK, took place in London.

Margot was diagnosed with an ex-tremely rare form of dual lineage leukaemia

For information on her inspirational



Vandal-plagued park get CCTV cameras

CCTV cameras will be installed at Hednes ford Park to tackle vandalism and anti-social behaviour following a spate of problems.

Residents living nearby claim that they are being disturbed by groups gathering in the park. Council leaders are also concerned that the gangs could be deterring people from visiting the park, which is

solution to 'no change'

PASSENGERS on Arriva buses are to be given vouchers when the driver has run out of change, under a new

system.

Arriva bosses say too many customers are paying with notes for small fares, causing problems later in the day. So they have introduced a system where drivers will give out a 'change voucher' that must be used within four weeks.

It can be exchanged for a refund on a future trip

It can be exchanged for a refund on a future trip or later in the journey if the driver's change box has been stocked up, or it can go towards payment next time they board a bus.

The voucher can also be exchanged for eash at any

The voucher can also be exchanged for eash at any Arriva Travel Shop. Arriva chiefs say they had spoken to passengers about the best way to solve the problem of drivers having no change. Arriva spokesman Keith Myatt said: "Our drivers are only able to carry a limited amount of change, and at certain times of the day they often run out.
"This is because quite

"This is because quite often we find that large numbers of customers wish numbers of customers wish to pay with notes, often for relatively small fares – in our experience, however much change is carried, it is often not enough."

currently undergoing a £2.2 million revamp.

Cannock Chase Council now plans to install two plans to install two combat potential trouble and allow the site to be monitored. A planning application for the scheme has been submitted. Mike Edmonds, head of

commissioning at Cannock Chase Council, said: "The Chase Council, said: "The park has suffered from vandalism, anti-social behaviour and inappropriate use at various times. The original pavilion was burnt down and other buildings have suffered a similar fate. "The issues affects norly users of the park but adjacent residential properties through noise and dis-

ties through noise and disturbance

Monitored

"Such activities also dissuade locals from using the park on a regular basis as well as promoting a poor image for the town."

Mr Edmonds added: The

or Edinoids added: The camera facility would be used to support the park keepers' existing audio radio link whilst also monitoring the area when the park keepers are not on duty."

Council leader George Adamson, who represents the Hednesford Green Heath ward, said: "The cameras mean the park can be monitored and allow someone to step in before problems escalate."

As part of the wider trans-formation of the site, the pavilion is being extended to two storeys.

A new skate park is also being created, as well as a new car park.

Pair set up shop – for now



Lynne Morely and Paolo Allen have opened a temporary shop in Rugeley

WHEN most people clear out their clutter, they perhaps set up a car boot stall or sell some of it on Ebay.

But a pair of best friends have gone a step

further and set up their own temporary shop. Lynne Morely, 68, and Paolo Allen, 49, have been collecting art deco items for 70 years between them.

And now they are selling them at their shop Decodance in Rugeley for two to three weeks. Some of the decorative items from the 1920s and 30s on sale include period

lighting, pottery and glass as well as small pieces of furniture and art work.

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Actor and drama teacher Mr Allen said:
"It's been going really well since we opened
last Monday. We've had some really lovely
people that have been coming from quite ome distance too which is nice.

"We've both been collecting art deco for ears. But we've got too much lovely stuff stuck in boxes not getting any use.

Decodance is open from 9am daily in Rugeley's Brewery Street Shopping Arcade.

search for charity to support

SHOPPING centre bosses are looking for a charity for which they can raise money.

which they can raise money.
For the past two years
Cannock Shopping Centre
has supported the town's
Newlife Foundation for
Disabled Children and has
managed to exceed its target
of £3,500 – meaning that
the charity can now buy a
much-needed specialist bed.
The centre had originally
sponsored Newlife for one

sponsored Newlife for one sponsored Newlife for one year. However, after raising £2,557 but not quite hitting the target, staff at the centre, determined to raise the full amount, decided to continue supporting the cause for another year.

Centre manager Natal Chapman said: "We were delighted to support Newlife Foundation.

Foundation.

"However, now we have reached our target, we feel it is time to offer this opportunity to other charities in need." Email cannocksc@pmwcom.co.uk with details of the charity, a contact name and number and how the charity would fundraise.

 A 'window of love' is being displayed at Cannock Shopping Centre until Feb-ruary 13 for couples to post Valentine's Day messages. Photos, messages and poems can be attached to the window near Costa Coffee.

Singers hand over cheque

A FEMALE choir from Lich field has raised almost £300 for a life-saving charity.

The Kaleidoscope Choir handed over a cheque for £274.42 to the Midlands Air Ambulance after a year of social activities to raise funds for their chosen cause.

The cheque was presented The cheque was presented to Jo Bailey, fundraising manager for Midlands Air Ambulance, by the choir's chairwoman Helen Klich at an informal concert.

The choir is now recruiting and anyone interested in joining should call Anne on 01543 268738. Visit www.kaleidoscopechoir.co.uk

Walk at Milford

THE Chase & District Ramblers group are inviting peo-ple to put on their walking boots. Members will be go-ing for an 8.5-mile walk at Milford on Sunday. People should meet at Hednesford railway station car park at 9am. Call the walk leader, Carol, on 01543 274881.



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Feelgood show full of energy and fun **REVIEW**

Snow White, Cannock
Chase Drama Society
FROM the first chorus
scene the tone of this show
was set, with its colourful
costumes and its energetic
singing and movement.
The audience at the
Prince of Wales Centre,
Cannock, quickly recognised
the sincerity of this cast who
were obviously enjoying
their tasks, and very soon
joined in the experience.
It was good to see director

It was good to see director
Barbara Cooper's attention
to detail with such touches
as the use of dry-ice in the
laboratory scene.

laboratory scene.

Good performances from all principals kept their audience entertained.

Special mention must be made of Jamie Jones as Dame Doitall and Brett

Dewsbury as Handy Andy, who worked well together. Stars of the show were the ladies who played the Seven Dwarfs, all developing their own characters.

Excellent musical accompaniment and chorus singing, together with first-class scenery cloths, helped to make this into a genuine 'feelgood' production.

Brvan Till

PM backed on aid for firms

DAVID CAMERON needs to help firms grow before he can achieve his aim of Brit-ain being in 'full employ-ment', business chiefs say.

The Prime Minister wants Britain to have the highest percentage of people in work of any developed nation.

Chris Plant, director of Chris Plant, director of Cannock Chase Chamber, said: "Full employment can only be achieved when Britain's businesses are firing on all cylinders.

"The Prime Minister's focus on infrastructure, access to finance and preparing people for the world of work is surely right."

Camra to meet

THE Cannock Chase branch of Camra will be holding its annual general meeting on Sunday. It is being held at the Crystal Fountain pub in St John's Road, Cannock, starting at midday. A new branch committee for 2015 will be elected during the

HS2 firm buys up 92 homes worth £53m

NINETY TWO homes worth £53 million in the Midlands have been snapped up to make way for HS2 – even though the project is yet to be given the go-ahead.

HS2 Ltd, the government-owned company behind the high-speed rail line, has bought 43 properties in Staffordshire worth £26.29m, 14 in the West Midlands worth about £10m, and 35 in North Warwickshire worth nearly £18m.

And they have also agreed to purchase another 68 homes across the region under

deals that do not have to be completed until construction on the line starts.

MPs have yet to give the £50 billion scheme final approval and thousands of petitions are currently being heard by a special committee. Bosses at HS2 Ltd are working to a start date in 2017.

HS2 is set to carve a 45-mile swathe of Staffordshire countryside, with residents concerned over the falling value of their homes, the noise created by trains travelling at 225mph, environmental damage,

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and blighting unspoilt countryside views. Prices of homes within 500 metres of the route have fallen an average 6.9 per cent, a study by estate agents Hamptons International, Countrywide, and Lambert Smith Hampton Gund

Hampton found.
HS2 Ltd said the buy-up means residents affected by the line are getting compensation quicker.

At the end of December, HS2 Ltd had acquired 233 properties nationally costing £157.4 million. Transport Secretary Patrick

McLoughlin, a former Cannock miner and Staffordshire county councillor, said: This comprehensive package of compensation and assistance is looking after those people who live along the HS2 route while balancing our responsibilities to the taxpayer."

Two new bosses have joined HS2 Ltd – Jonathan Crone as director of the programme management office, and Colin Morris as programme delivery strategy director. Both will report directly to HS2 director of programme and strategy Alistair Kirk.

programme and strategy Alistair Kirk

Cheats unlawfully claim £600k benfits in a year

claimed more than £660,000 in overpayments in 12 months, new figures reveal.

The cash was paid to dozens of people who were not entitled to receive the money over the past year. More than 200 investigations were launched and 39 cases of fraud led to prosecutions. It comes ahead of the forming of the Single Fraud Investigation Service – SFIS.

The service, which will launch in July, will investigate claims all over the

country.
Of the 212 investigations,
130 were launched in Cannock with 21 cases prosecuted by the district council.
A total of \$463,000 in benefit fraud was discovered.

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Council taxation and benefits manager Rob Wolfe
said: "The two councils
have a strong reputation for
fraud prevention and investigation, particularly in the
area of housing and council
tax benefit."

Determined

During the 12 months, 80 of the 212 investigations were carried out by Stafford Borough Council and 18 cases were taken to court. A total of £204,000 in benefit fraud was discovered.

Councillor Ken Williamson, cabinet member for resources at Stafford Bor-ough Council, said: "We are determined to prevent people cheating taxpayers out of money they are not entitled to. It is unfair on all those people who do pay

their dues." Last month a Stafford man was handed a 12-month community order

12-month community order after cheating taxpayers out of more than £7,700. Nicholas Scott, aged 45, of Heenan Grove, pleaded guilty to not telling the council of a change in circumstances when he appeared in court.

The offences involved £6,712.06 of housing benefit, £384.43 of council tax benefit and £619.81 of local

benefit and £619.81 of local council tax support between April 2012 and March 2014. The offences came to light

following an investigation discovered that Scott had

failed to declare that his income had increased.

Magistrates in Stafford handed him a 12-month community order with a recommunity order with a requirement to complete 100 hours unpaid work. He was also ordered to pay a £60 victim surcharge and costs of £300. Arrangements are being made for the money Scott received unlawfully to be paid back.

Exercise class launches

AN exercise class for the over 50s in Cannock is inviting AN exercise class for the over 50s in Cannock is inviting new members to join. Get up and Move takes place every Friday at 10.30am in St Lukes Church and Community Centre. The class consists of gentle exercise to music in chairs, fronted by experienced teacher Annette Walker. The first session is free of charge and then there is a £3 per class to cover the teacher costs. For more information about the sessions call Annette on 07834 694877.



Charlie Cheescake, also known as Peter Rowell, looks forward to the show

Clowns promise giggles galore

SLAPSTICK comedy, magic tricks and acrobatics are all part of the fun planned for this half-term in Stafford-shire, as part of a tour by the National Clown Thea-

the National Clown Thea-tre.

The all new laughter show on February 16 is guaran-teed to kick-start the school holidays with giggles galore. The National Clown The-atre will be bringing its show to Hednesford Aquar-ius Ballycon ius Ballroom.

Company manager Peter Rowell, aged 51, said: "It will be our first time at the ballroom, and what a fantas-tic venue it is. There will be buckets full of fun and gal-

lons of laughter."

The half-term treat will start at 1.30pm and will run for around 90 minutes.

The touring entertainment troupe is made up of four autoring who are

four entertainers who are this year celebrating their

30th anniversary.

Mr Rowell said: "We tour across the country and it is a joy to be a part of from start to finish. We are now in our 30th anniversary year and will be looking forward to celebrating with a big cake and candles, or maybe a large custard pie.

Approximately 100 tickets

are available for the show, at £5. Call 01384 423496.

NEWS IN BRIEF

22 jobs saved as company is sold

TWENTY TWO jobs have been saved at a firm which went into administration last month.

Fresh poultry supplier ANA Food Packaging Ltd in Enterprise Drive, Four Ashes, has been bought out by another company.

Ashes, has been bought out by another company. The Birmingham office of business recovery spe-cialists Begbies Traynor handled the sale of the business and assets of the firm, which has been trading since 2011. Nigel Price, partner at Begbies Traynor's Birmingham of-fice, managed the sale to ANA Poultry Services Ltd.

New_ownership for IT business

A TECHNOLOGY company based in Lichfield has been bought by Ireland's leading IT consulting and managed services company, Version 1.

Patech Solutions in Wellington Crescent was formed in 1997 as an Or-acle consulting practice serving the public and com-mercials sectors.

Version 1 said its pur-Version 1 said its pur-chase for an undisclosed sum would strengthen its position as the leading Or-acle partner in the UK and Ireland.

Ghostly tour in historical city

TICKETS are on sale for a spooky ghost walk.

The Gruesome and Ghostly tour around Lich-field's historical city centre is taking place on Febru-ary 18, starting at 7pm.

The tour, organised by Visit Lichfield, needs to be booked in advance, and costs £6.25. To book, visit Tourist Information at St Mary's in the Market Square or call the team on 01543 256611.

Drivers delayed after bridge fall

MOTORISTS faced delays on the M54 after a man fell from a bridge in Essington. Police and ambulance crews were called to the

crews were called to the motorway link with the M6 at junction 10A at 9.50am on Monday.

The man was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, after suffering pelvic and back injuries. injuries

Donor sessions

TWO sessions will be held in Cannock for people to give blood. They take place at 136 New Penk-ridge Road, Cannock, on Monday, from 1.30pm Monday, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm and between 4.30pm and 7.30pm.







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THE BEST OF

PROVING there is no subject too awful, too appalling or too globally life-threatening to laugh at, a reader says he was amused to read that air passengers tested for Ebola will "have their temperature taken at entry points." Let's see if we're still amused six months from now, eh?

MANY thanks to Daniela Liverani, 24, from Edinburgh who chose this week to volunteer the news that, having suffered from nosebleeds for some weeks, she finally discovered she had a three-inch leech living in one nostril. I think most of us would have kept that to ourselves.

MICHAEL McIntyre stormed off the stage when a woman MICHAEL Michityre stormed off the stage when a woman persistently used her mobile phone. I sympathise, coming fresh from a birthday party where a hugely-talented couple performed a selection of blues and soul standards. They were excellent but 90 per cent of the guests simply ignored them, talking over the music and not even applauding at the end. The simple courtesies, such as the ability to shut our traps and listen, are fading fast.

SO what do drivers really make of "driver awareness" courses, offered as an alternative to penalty points on your licence? You can find plenty of drivers who sing their praises, but then their view may be tempered by thankfulness at keeping a clean licence. A dissident breaks ranks to tell ar keeping a clean licentice. A dissident breaks ranks to tell me: "I attended one of these courses and all I got from it was pins and needles in my burn. It was a complete waste of time." He calculated that the fees paid by drivers at his session amounted to £2,000 per half day. The two men running the course insisted there was no profit, but he was not convinced.

I NOTE that during the Most Secret Trial in History (the one about an alleged plot against Tony and Cherie Blair, and I may already have said too much), it emerges that selected journalists will be allowed to attend the court



allowed to attend the court hearings and take notes, but not report anything, at least not for the time being. Their notebooks are solemnly locked away at the end of each day. As any hack can tell you, there is a grave danger in this, namely the very brief shelf-life of shorthand. Like so many fine products, shorthand goes off. An hour or so after you've scribbled it feverishly into your notebook at 120 words per minute, it makes perfect sense. Leave it for six months, however, nd it mysteriously decays and turns into mere squiggles.

and it mysteriously decays and turns into mere squiggles. The Most Secret Trial in History may end up being even more secret than anyone intended.

JAMES Lusted was born with dwarfism and stands just 3ft 7ins, two feet shorter than his fiancee Chloe Roberts. They are a familiar site in their home city of Cardiff but the waitress in the local Harvester restaurant had never seen them before. So, in the best Harvester tradition, she seated the couple, gave Chloe a menu and picked up a kids' colouring book for the little chap. It was only when James spoke in his deep voice that she realised her mistake. She was embarrassed and Harvester are mortified. And the couple? Chloe and James think the whole incident And the couple? Chioe and James think the whole incident was hilarious. It would have been so easy for them to be outraged and to demand payment for hurt, distress, loss of earnings, mood swings and the other usual pseudo-symptoms trotted out by compensation lawyers. Instead, they laugh it off, James, a motivational speaker and badminton star, says: "I am man enough to see the funny side. I would never take offence." Pity there are not more blokes like him. Little guy, big man.

WE have friends staying for a few days. Their kids, aged nine and 11, are prime examples of the wired generation, as familiar with tablets and smartphones as we were with

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Changes blamed for GCSE tables slump Number of

THE number of pupils reaching the Government's benchmark standard for GCSE results has fallen sharply in the Black Country and Stafford-shire, according to official tables.

shire, according to official tables.
All five local authorities finished
in the bottom third nationally in
the Key Stage 4 rankings, which
rate schools for the number of pupils that achieve five or more A*
to C-grades at GCSE or equiva-

lent, including English and maths. Staffordshire sunk 14 places in the table, with a 54.9 per cent success rate showing a five per cent fall on the previous year's performance. The results mean all five author-

ities are below the national average

of 56.6 per cent.

In Walsall 48.7 per cent of pupils agained the benchmark, a 10 per cent drop that has led the authority to

slump to 141st in the standings. Walsall Council's education chief admitted the authority had 'failed a generation of children' in some parts of the borough over the last 10 parts of the borough over the last 10 years. Wolverhampton fell 75 places to 145th out of 152 local authorities, with less than half of pupils achieving the required standard.

School bosses have blamed the

achievement is recorded in the past year, with a headteachers' union leader branding the league tables as

leader branding the league tables as 'pretty much irrelevant'.

This year only the first GCSE grade rather than the best grade counted, the English speaking and listening grade was removed, there were changes to how vocational qualifications counted, and some English GCSEs were not included.

claimants in county falls again

UNEMPLOYMENT in the UK fell to its lowest level for more than six years be-

for more than six years be-tween September and No-vember, new figures show.

The latest jobless total from the Office for National Statistics shows a fall of 58,000 to 1.91 million – the lowest since autumn 2008. A record 30 million people are in work.

In the West Midlands unemployment was down

unemployment was down 34,000 to 173,000 – the big-

34,000 to 173,000 – the biggest drop of any region.

The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance fell nationally in December by 29,600 to 867,000 – the 26th consecutive monthly decrease – and job vacancies have hit a record, rising by 19,000 to 700,000.

Across Staffordshire the number claiming was down 319 to 5,076 with Stafford

319 to 5,076 with Stafford seeing 52 fewer at 662, South Staffordshire down 31 at 823, Lichfield fall-ing 27 to 402 and Cannock down 15 at 772. The number of working

age people claiming Job-seekers' Allowance fell in Staffordshire by 45 per cent

Last month, it was re-Last month, it was revealed the number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Cannock was 787 in November – a drop of five to the latest December figure.

Tribute by YOUNGSTERS at a school

Staffordshire their favourite football kits and kicked off a special day of remembrance to mark the Christmas Truce of 1914.

Maple Hayes Dyslexia School in Lichfield hosted a commemorative assem-bly in which a short film on the Christmas Truce was shown.

Pupil Maya Eveson, aged Pupil Maya Eveson, aged 14, who is the only student studying GCSE German at the school, performed a reading of Silent Night in the language – the hymn which signalled peace before the friendly game.

Charity evening

BURNTWOOD Town Council is holding its chairman's charity evening on February 28 at 7.30pm. The venue is St Matthew's Sports and Social Club, in St Matthews Road, Burntwood. The evening will feature The Beatless. Tickets are £8.50 each. Call 01543 677166.

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9,000 voters fall off the electoral register

MORE than 9,000 people have fallen off the electoral register in the Black Country and

South Staffordshire, it has emerged.

And an MP blames a new application system for putting people off. Nationally almost one million voters have disappeared from the register, particularly in towns and cities with large numbers of students and number people.

dents and young people. The Government is over-seeing the introduction of 'individual electoral registration' where each potential voter has to fill out a form instead of one person completing a form for everyone in their household.

In South Staffordshire there has been a drop of 3,488 over the last year, while there are 2,189 fewer people registered in Sandwell.

Concerned

Some 1,681 people have fallen off the register in Cannock Chase, with 597 in Walsall, 551 in Dudley and 539 in Wolverhampton. In total the number registered across all areas has gone from 1,008,632 to

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Dudley North MP Ian Austin is calling for a drive to get more people signed up ahead of the General Election, saying he is concerned that thousands will not be eligible to vote in May if

they are not on the register. He said: "It's a scandal. The Government must do much more to tackle the

By Adam Burling

problems caused by these rushed reforms instead of sitting idle."

The Government insists

The Government insignates the process is being made simpler by scrapping the 'outdated head of household' registration system.

Bosses say the new system is able to verify that everyone on the register is

who they say they are – ensuring elections are fair.

Minister of State at the cabinet Office Greg Clark said: "It is only right that in a country which has such a long and proud history of a long and proud history or democratic participation, we ensure that we have an elec-toral registration system fit for the 21st century. "These changes ensure that individuals register regurally and enable them

I nese cnanges ensure that individuals register securely and enable them to register in the simplest possible way."
People can now register online by providing their name, address, date of birth and National Insurance

and National Insurance number For details visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Limo probe continues

TV fame for shop's owner

A CURIOSITY shop in Cannock has featured on a TV antique show where experts search the UK for hidden treasures.

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Grandad's Loft Antiques and Curios in
North Street, Bridgtown, was chosen to be
part of Antiques Road Trip.
The episode aired on BBC 2, after the
show's researchers contacted the owner,
20-year-old Nathan Barry.
Mr Barry opened the shop eight months
ago and it is his first business venture.
The collector, from Willenhall, said he

sa and Curios in North Street, Bridgtown
was very excited to have been approached
by the show last year.
He said: "I was contacted after the researchers saw my website. I was asked a
few weeks before they filmed in September
and I jumped at the chance to take part."
A film crew visited the shop for three
hours while expert Charles Hanson scoured
for antiques and collectables that could be
sold on at auction for a profit.
Mr Barry added: "Mr Hanson was lovely
and very complimentary about my shop."







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Company builds up to awards ceremony

HOMECRAFT Developments from Rugeley is counting down to the national final of the Master Builder of the Year Awards after bagging the award for best New Home in the Mid-

Also recognised in the Also recognised in the awards was Turner Construction (Midlands) Ltd. The Stafford-based company took the prize for best Kitchen in the Midlands.

As a result of winning the regional award, Homecraft will now go up against the nation's best builders in a bid to be named Master Builder of the Year.

Builder of the Year.

TV presenter and architecture enthusiast Charlie
Luxton will present the
awards to the winners at a
ceremony at the Park Plaza
Westminster Bridge Hotei
In London on February18.

The Master Builder of the
Year Awards is a nationwide
search by the Federation of
Master Builders (FMB) to
find the best builders in
the UK. Nominations must
come from a satisfied client.

If Homecraft goes on

come from a satisfied client.

If Homecraft goes on
to win the overall Master
Builder of the Year title,
they will drive away in a
brand new commercial vehicle, while the client who
nominated the company will
win a £3,000 cash prize.

Help wanted for appeal

A CHARITY which provides care to people with terminal illnesses is looking for street collectors and co-ordinators.

Marie Curie's annual Great Daffodil Appeal starts next month and the charity is looking for volunteers.

The Great Daffodil Appeal encourages everyone to give a donation and wear one of the charity's daffodil pins.

Collection hosts are the

main point of contact on the day for volunteer collectors. At the end of the collection day, hosts will count and bank the money raised. Call 01332 204221.

Topic is Spain

A FELLOWSHIP group in Staffordshire will hold its next meeting on Wednesday. The Men of Burntwood will welcome Tony Guest who will give a talk called Trav-els in Northern Spain. The meeting is at St Matthews Sports and Social Club, Burntwood, at 7.45pm.

Ex-miner, 73, died from industrial disease

A FORMER coal miner who collapsed in his back garden the day after being discharged from hospital died suddenly from an industrial disease, a Cannock inquest concluded. David Stratford had worked in coal mines, including Lea Hall Colliery in Rugeley, for more than 40 years. He died on December 21 at his home in Hardie Avenue. Mr. Stratford was a miner in Gloucester.

December 21 at his nome in Hardice Avenue. Mr Stratford was a miner in Gloucester before moving to Rugeley in 1969 aged 28 and worked as an underground miner all his life until he retired.

The inquest heard that the 73-year- old had been admitted to Queen's Hospital,

Burton Upon Trent, on December 16 with lung problems and abdominal pain. He was discharged on December 20.

On December 21, a neighbour saw Mr Stratford lying face down in his back garden at 3.20pm. The neighbour attempted CPR until ambulance crews arrived but Mr Stratford was pronounced dead at the scene. The inquest Jaso heard that the widscene. The inquest also heard that the wid-ower had a number of medical issues includ-

ing diabetes.

A post mortem was carried out by pathologist Dr Terence Hollingworth, who found the cause of death to be pulmonary embo-

lism, a blockage in the artery that transports blood to the lungs.

Additional causes of death were recorded

as chronic obstructive airways disease, a collection of lung diseases including bronchitis and finally diabetes.

Dr Hollingworth said: "Smoking was a chronic state of the chron

Dr Hollingworth said: Shoking was a factor but the lungs were extremely loaded with coal dust. Due to his length of time underground, his occupation, in my opinion this was the main cause of his lung disease." His family did not attend the inquest but had raised concerns that Mr Stratford had died so suddenly after being discharged. Dr

Hollingworth added: "To address the concerns of the family, I don't think there is any way that this outcome could have been anticipated by the doctors involved."

Senior coroner for South Staffordshire Mr Andrew Haigh concluded that Mr Stratford died unexpectedly from a work-related death. Mr Haigh said: "He was 73, not a particularly old age, but had a significant medical history. He had suffered from bronchitis and had received compensation for his time as a coal miner.

"The exposure to coal dust has made a significant contribution to his death."

EDL supporter in violence is banned from all pubs

AN English Defence League supporter from Rugeley has been banned from all licensed premises after a judge saw a recording of violence after the group he was in was turned away from a pub.

Ross Gilbert was the seventh man to be dealt with at Warwick Crown Court following a clash between EDL supporters and customers at the George Eliot pub in Bridge e Ğeorge Eliot pub in Bridge Street, Nuneaton. He and the other six had all pleaded guilty to a charge of violent disorder following the incident which took place almost four years ago in February 2011. Gilbert, aged 28, of Wil-liam Morris Court, was sentenced to eight months in prison suspended for 12 months and ordered to do 200 hours of unpaid work.

Jail suicides highest in seven years

THE suicide rate for prisoners has risen to its highest level for seven years, new figures show.

Eighty two prisoners took

Eighty two prisoners took their own lives during 2014, including 14 aged between 18 and 24, the Howard League for Penal Reform has revealed.

There were nine death in West Midlands and Staffordshire prisons with four being attributed to suicide. Two of the suicides were at HMP Featherstone, one at Swinfen Hall Young Offenders' Institute, and one

at Swinien hall foung Or-fenders' Institute, and one at the G4S-run HMP Bir-mingham. Two prisoners died of natural causes at Stafford Prison, two at Bir-mingham, and one at Drake

mingham, and one at Drake Hall women's prison in Ec-cleshall, Staffordshire. There were no deaths at the G4S-run HMP Oak-wood in Featherstone or Brinsford Young Offenders' Institute during 2014. The figures also show prisons are at bursting point with Featherstone, Brins-ford, Swinfen Hall, and Bir-mingham overcrowded.

mingham overcrowded.

In total, 234 people died in prisons in England and Wales during 2014.

Mother's bid to get disease on the run



Kay Turner, here with son Charlie, aims to raise money to fight polycystic kidney disease



Phillip Turner died at 42

TWO members of her husband's fam-TWO members of ner nusband's lamily died of a hereditary disease – and now her three-year-old son, husband and sister-in-law are battling it. But Kay Turner is determined to make a difference for future generate here.

make a difference for future generations by boosting a charity's search for a cure for polycystic kidney disease. And now she has set up a fundraising run with a difference. The 5km run can be done at any time, anywhere. The family has been hit by the news that more cysts have been

discovered growing on three-year-old Charlie's kidneys in recent weeks.

As they do not know what the future holds for Charlie, 33-year-old Mrs Turner, of Chasetown, has decided to focus on her charity campaign.

She said: "We don't know what will happen next, so we have just got to keep going because there is nothing that can be done to treat it until he has kidney failure – although that could be in later life." Charlie's father Craig, 37, found out he has the disease

when he was checked by doctors after

when he was checked by doctors after volunteering to donate a kidney to his sister Debbie, who also suffers from polycycstic kidney disease.

His father Phillip died of a brain haemorrhage caused by the disease 14 years ago, aged 42, and his grandmother Jean died before him of the same condition. Mrs Turner has raised more than £1,000 so far.

To take part, visit Mrs Turner's Facebook page, or www.justgiving.com/Kay-Turner2/

NEWS IN BRIEF

Help to purchase homes welcomed

NEW figures showing that the Help to Buy scheme is helping dozens of families to buy their own home have been welcomed by a prospective parliamentary candidate. In total 205 people have

been able to access an af-

been able to access an affordable mortgage and get on the housing ladder in Cannock Chase.

Across the UK, Help to Buy has helped over 73,000 families buy a home.

Amanda Milling, the Conservative parliamentary candidate for Cannock Chase, said: "Help to Buy is a key part of our long-term economic plan."

New appointment for Specsavers

A RUGELEY opticians has welcomed a new member to its team.

Zoe Marchant joined Specsavers as an assistant manager to help with the daily running of the store.

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The 31-year-old has more than 10 years' optical experience.

"I love working and interacting with different people and working in an opticians means that I can do just that," Zoe said.

"No day is the same and thorn is charge as challenge.

there is always a challenge, but I thrive on it."

Artist to put on one-day display

GREAT Wyrley artist Pam Renhard is staging a one-day art exhibition at The Corridor Gallery, Lichfield. The event will be held

Pam has been painting for 10 years and uses watercolour, acrylics and mixed media, taking ideas from photographs she takes. She has had works selected for exhibitions at venues including the Mu-seum of Cannock Chase.

Church hall gets £500 makeover

A CHURCH hall in Shen stone has been revamped

using a £500 grant.
A grant from the Staf-fordshire Local Commu-nity Fund helped pay for the £1,000 redecoration of the Wesley Hall at Trinity Methodist Church.

It had the makeover with the help of a grant supported by local County Councillor David Smith.

Mystery talk

PAUL FORD will give a talk entitled 'Victorian Autograph Book Mystery' to the Friends of the Mu-seum of Cannock Chase on Wednesday at 7.30pm at the museum in Hednes-ford. All are welcome.



Composite

Changed

He told Gilbert, who was given a football banning order last month because of

drunken behaviour at The

ashamed about the matter. It was four years ago. I was younger, stupid. I've moved on in my life, and a lot has changed since then."

In September three other EDL supporters and three George Eliot customers were given suspended sentences for their parts in the violence.





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IN MY VIEW

THE ITV series Bring Back Borstal finished last week, with programme makers declaring it an unqualified success. Three months after filming ended, not one of the 13 miscreants who were supposedly subjected to the rigours of a 1930s borstal regime, have reoffended. And many of them ended up landing

Now look, anything which in-Now look, anything which involves gobby louts being turned out of bed at the crack of dawn, being made to dress like Just William and spending their days shovelling manure is fine by me. But I do think it is stretching things branding it 'a unique social experiment'.

For a start, the bad lads had all volunteered to take part in the series, some because they wanted to turn their lives around, wanted or unifer lives a could, others probably because they thought it might make minor celebrities out of them. If White Dee can manage it, why not? How many 1930s borstals allowed inmates to leave at any time if they didn't feel at home?

time if they didn't feel at home? And there probably aren't that many young offenders who, on their first day in custody, politely concede: 'I think I just need to grow up a bit'.

Even more ridiculous was the way the boys reacted when they were thrown out for bad behavious with the probable of the property with the post they because they were thrown out for bad behavious with the post they were the property with the prope

were thrown out for bad behaviour, with one of them bemoaning the loss of 'a once in a life-time opportunity'. Opportunity? What did he think it was? The Apprentice for chavs?

Watching cocky yobs being brought down a peg or two is always good television, and I'm sure that if prisons were a bit less cushy, and focused a little more on teaching feckless about the real world, then the rewards would be great. would be great

would be great.

But a ground-breaking social experiment? Leave it out. The lads had already decided to turn their backs on crime, and their experience was so cushy that most of them were sad to leave.

This wasn't a borstal. It was just a long school field trip.

HERE is a revolutionary suggestion on how to tackle the crisis in the NHS'. For all the political posturing over the past few weeks, the real reason why so many people are having to wait at A&E is not because the system is in need of radical re-organisation, or even because it is short of money. It is simply because too many people are going there.

going there.

The number of patients going through the doors of accident and emergency wards has increased relentlessly over the past few years, with stories about people with toothache, constipation and bad toenalls becoming the stuff of legends.

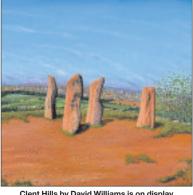
becoming the stuff of legends.

But when politicians keep blathering on about 'world class' health care, is it any wonder that some of the more intellectually challenged members of society treat A&E like a sort of spa resort



Painting of the Red House Glass Cone at Wordsley
Dudley Castle provides the backdrop for these anglers





Clent Hills by David Williams is on display

Familiar scenes put in the frame

A group's artwork depicting many regional landmarks has now gone on display. **LEE WATTON** reports

HISTORIC buildings, canalside scenes and familiar landmarks are featured in a new exhibition staged by a group of Black

Country artists.

The Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley and the Clent Hills are among the places depicted in water-

colours, oils, pastels and acrylics. Art lovers can see the works, created by the Brierley Hill Society of Artists, on display at the Red House Glass Cone until March 22.

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Many of the images depict familiar scenes from across the region with paintings of the Prestwood Canal at Stourton near Stourbridge, Kingswinford's Broadfield House Glass Museum and Bunkers Hill Wood, in Netherton, also featured.

Members have also taken their inspiration from further afield with comedic paintings of an African safari alongside paintings of Venice and Falaise in

Exciting

Among those exhibiting paintings in the exhibition are group members David and Dorothy Williams, of Westwood Av-enue, Norton, Stourbridge. The couple have been members of the society for five years and said the exhibi-tion was an 'exciting' way for the group.

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Mr Williams, aged 59, has five pieces in
the display including a scene from Bunkers Hill Wood, in Netherton, a snowdrop walk in Chance Wood, near Kinver
and a scene of Clent Hills.

"It takes around 15 hours to create a work," he said. "I go to the location to take photographs to work from. I can



Brierly Hill Society of Artists members David, aged 59, and Dorothy, 67, Williams, from Norton, Stourbridge

then make changes so the scene is more

"A lot of the group enjoy creating works depicting scenes from the region. Because the exhibition is being held at the Red House Glass Cone a lot of peo-ple from this area will actually see the works"

works."
Mr Williams added: "The aim of the exhibition is to have a wide variety of different images and styles. It is a great event and we all look forward to showing our work."

At the launch of the exhibition artist

J Maule-Ffinch was presented with the Freda Griffiths Trophy for the painting

Oxfordshire Street.
Freda Griffiths was one of the found-

Freda Griffiths was one of the found-ing members of the group and the award was set up in her honour. Like last year, the group, which has 45 members, is also running a small children's exhibition at the same time. And, as part of the display, members will be providing simple children's art activities during February half-term.

Cabinet member for environment and culture on Dudley Council, Coun-

cillor Hilary Bills said: "The annual exhibition by the Brierley Hill Society of Artists at the Red House Glass Cone is always of a very high standard.

"It is always lovely to see familiar scenes from the region featuring in the

"The children's activities were very popular last year and I hope that young-sters drop by the exhibition and try their

hand at a small piece of artwork."

The Red House Glass Cone can be visited from Monday to Sunday between 10am and 4pm. Admission is free.



ED Miliband's question and answer session in Staffordshire proved why we need the TV de-

bates.
The Labour leader drew a crowd of around 200 members of the public to quiz him on what he'd do if he became Prime Minister.

It was a far cry from the 25,000 Sir Winston Churchill 25,000 Sir Winston Churchill drew to Mollineux in 1949 when he was leader of the opposition, although pretty impressive for a Monday lunchtime in January in an age when politicians of all loading approximation of the continuous control of the continuous control of the control

in an age when politicians of all parties are as popular as hedge-hogs in a balloon factory.

But I have to admit, I think I was too cynical last week when I raised the prospect of the event being filled by only Labour supporters.

There were plenty of sceptics. Indeed one of the audience, from the Support Stafford Hospital campaign, walked out of the Aquarius Ballroom in Hednesford at the end vowing to

nestord at the end vowing to never vote Labour again. Throwing the topics open to the floor brought some interest-ing results, given that Mr Millb-and and the organisers had no prior warning or control over

prior warning or control over them.

There was not a single ques-tion on Europe. Not one query about immigration. Not a dicky bird asked about the deficit.

Comfortable

There were, however, questions about health, the future of Stafford Hospital in particular, support for children with special needs, the minimum wage and plenty of things that Mr Milliband was caperally comfatable and was generally comfortable answering.

He was clear that there would

He was clear that there would be no false promises on Stafford Hospital. But other than an 'undertaking' to review the downgrade on 'medical' grounds rather than 'penny pinching', there was not enough to prevent the aforementioned member of the support campaign from vowing members would stand in council wards in May.

I wonder what David Cameron would say if he faced the same

would say if he faced the same questions. The parties are not showing their differences on the same issues but fighting on vastly different issues

the same issues but righting on vastly different issues.
For UKIP it's all about immigration and Europe. For the To-ries it's all about the economy and for Labour it's a game of 'whose recovery is this anyway' and suggesting that those at the top are still the ones benefitting at the expense of everyone else.
At Prime Minister's Questions Mr Miliband and Mr Cameron will argue but on totally separate points. I really hope the TV debates go ahead, particularly the head-to-head between the two men vying to be Prime Minister. At least then they'd have to take the same questions and be judged accordingly. Until then judged accordingly. Until then we'll have to cope with each party trying to set the agenda with their own spin machine.







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Robert Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters will be performing on Cannock Chase this summer

ROBERT Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters have

ROBERT Plant and The Sensational Space Shifters have been announced as the Saturday night headliners in the Cannock Chase series of concerts this summer. They will play at the beauty spot on July 11 as part of Forest Live, an independent programme organised by the Forestry Commission to bring forests to new audiences. Last year saw the release of the former Led Zeppelin

frontman's 10th solo album, 'lullaby and... The Ceaseless Roar', his latest project recorded with The Sensational Space Shifters. Fans can look forward to a live show which will include tracks from that album as well as new interpretations of Led Zeppelin classics.

Tickets priced £48.50 plus £4.85 booking fee go on sale at 9am tomorrow on 03000 680400 or forestry.gov.uk/music

The controversial NHS 111 service passed the 'acid test' in Staffordshire when the number of calls rocketed, bosses said today.

Almost a third more calls than anticipated were taken by staff operating the service in Staffordshire over a week. Some 8,364 calls were taken across the county in the week ending December 28 but bosses insist that staff coped well.

Its referrals to A&E were 'among

the lowest in the country'. The volume of calls was 30 per cent more than expected but fewer than five per cent of calls resulted in a referral to A&E and

calls resulted in a referral to A&E and more than 80 per cent of patients were directed to services other than A&E or the ambulance service.
Chris Oliver, urgent care lead for Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire's Clinical Commissioning Groups, said:
"The NHS 111 service is still relatively new in Staffordshire, and we were al-

be a real actor test of the forming."

Dr Mike Harrison, organisational medical director of Staffordshire Doctors Urgent Care, which provides the county's NHS 111 service, said: "The 111 service has coped well.

"We have directed patients to the most appropriate support, and we

most appropriate support, and we have helped ease the strain on hospitals and the ambulance service.



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I WOULD like to comment on an incident I witnessed about a quarter of a mile from Hednesford heading

from Hednesford heading towards Rugeley. I was following a fire en-gine at about 6.30pm on Sunday, January 18 towards Rugeley when it slowed while passing two stationary vehicles facing the opposite way.

vehicles facing the opposite way.

Slowing down, I looked to the right and saw on the grass verge what looked like half a large torso and 10ft or so behind it another limb.

It was unsafe for me to stop so I passed the fire appliance. It really was quite a disturbing sight and I prayed it was the remains of a deer not a human.

prayed it was the remains of a deer not a human. This was the third inci-dent that week along this stretch of road. I continu-ally see debris on a monthly any see debris on a monthly basis from incidents that have occurred on this stretch. I feel I could present a case to the council to make plans to curb the dangers. MARK CRAWFORD Cannock

Criticism of cyclists on Chase is valid

AS a competitive cyclist and one who road etiquette and more importantly to

AS a competitive cyclist and one who road etiquette and more importantly to participates in organised events and obey the rules of the road, so it disaprides across Cannock Chase I do not find myself agreeing very often with the criticism of our chosen sport.

However, I'm in agreement with Roy of Rugeley who commented on the amount of cyclists riding two three or more abreast over the Chase.

The event was an ride for charity or the control of the chase surroundings as us locals do. I very surroundings as us locals do. I very the chase the characteristic of the road of the chase surroundings as us locals do. I very surroundings as us locals do. I very the chase the characteristic of the road, so it disapprints the criticism of the chase the criticism of our characteristic or the chase the criticism of the criti The event was an ride for charity oroften on my daily rides on the Chase
ganised as they do annually by a local
can be found picking up bottles discycle shop all for the right reasons. Cycarded by irresponsible cyclists. Roy,
clists are all briefed before the event on
we are both in agreement.

Secondly, D Evans, also from Rugeley, commented that cyclists should be targeted instead of drivers. Once again lagree with his comments regarding traffic signals, lack of correct lighting and so on, but riding in groups of 20 or more I haven't seen.

In summary I agree with both con-

In summary I agree with both contributors, so come on cyclists, as one of you, we should clean our act up or take the criticism.

N J ASTON Cannock

Time to end this merry-go-round

WHAT a proud feeling we must all have to know this gov-

WHAT a proud feeling we must all have to know this government have done such a good job now it has been reported that in the last year over 20.000 of our people suffered cold related deaths with huge increases in foodbank use. David Cameron states that their polices and the direction taken since 2010 are working.

It seems the only good that's come out of theses cuts is the rich are getting richer after it was announced that Simon Cowell was £1.2 million richer thanks to tax cuts which would have paid for 255 hip replacements.

What this country needs is an end to unfettered immigration and health tourism which will mean our NHS money spent on our needs, with tax earned in the UK paid to the UK. To achieve this we need an end to this merry-go-round of Lib/Lab and Tory elections and vote for a government of Lib/Lab and Tory elections and vote for a government that put the people of the UK first.

Hednesford

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Letters should be brief and MUST include name, address and telephone number. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

Magistrate frustrations

RE the article, 'Courts need 45 new magistrates', I have a friend that applied for a post. He has perfect credentials for a magistrate—intelligent, with many years as a top civil servant, no criminal record and is fair minded and trustworthy. He was told they were looking for women or ethnic majorities, and while I understand the need to strike a balance, whatever happened to "The best man for the job"?

Replacing track not affordable

IN reply to Ian Orton (Letters, January 15) it was not the Cannock Conservative council that took something from the people, it was the Con/Dem coalition-run coalition-run

Cannock Stadium was de-

Cannock Stadium was demolished by the Con/Dems at a cost of £100,000 and was done against the wishes of a lot of the electorate.

There was a covenant on the land they proposed to build on, and the whole plan ended in a costly failure.

In contrast to what Ian Orton claims about taking the short route for cash, the council can only do so much with the revenue it has and to try to replace the track in

to try to replace the track in times of budget cuts would not be affordable. However, residents were assured at the last Cannock Community Forum that if and when it becomes affordable to replace the track the Labour council would love to be able to recom-mend it.

CLLR PAUL WITTON Cannock

We need to be sure of political pledges

FURTHER to David Winnick's proposal that voting should be made compulsory, may I draw his attention to what I believe is the cause of the political apathy that currently

believe is the cause of the political apathy that currently exists in Britain today.

I do agree with him, that this decline in voting levels is cause for concern which could have serious consequences. So, Mr Winnick, may I suggest that if you and your compatriots convince the public that politicians can be trusted to carry out what they promise when they are election-eering, that they will represent their constituents in 'The House' and perhaps accept my suggestion that manifestos should be 'legally binding', then I believe that public trust and confidence will return and that the current situation about which you are justifiably concerned will correct itself. about which you are justifiably concerned will correct itself

Great Wyrley

Patients must play part in tackling A&E crisis

I have worked in general practice since 1989, so I feel able to comment in defence of this service. There is a lot of negative press about how poorly A&E is performing and one reason for increased demand has been blamed on patients not being able to access their GP for an appointment.

At the surgery where I work, during December, 40 patients failed to attend for their appointment.

This is the equivalent to a GP sitting waiting for seven hours for patients to arrive. What a waste of resources.

Patients have to take responsibility too. It is a partner-ship between the NHS and patients, we both need to play

our part.
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Fun day raises £800 for Guide Dogs fund



Club members Tracy Oldbury and Estelle Oldbury with fundraiser Carol Trigg and her guide dog Flora

THE Firs Working Men's Club in Chase Terrace raised £800 for Guide Dogs for the Blind at a fun day.

Now, a cheque has been presented by the club's senior steward Graham Westwood to Carol Trigg, a member of the local Guide Dogs fundraising group and herself a guide dog user. Mrs Trigg thanked club members for their generous support, explaining the difference that having a guide dog can make to a visually impaired person. The fun day was held over the bank holiday weekend last August. Details about Guide Dogs are available on 01543 670822.

A5 roadworks alert

MOTORISTS should expect delays on the A5 in Cannock after three weeks of overnight roadworks began this week. Temporary traffic lights will be in place between Walkmill Lane and Delta Way from 9pm until 5.30am. The footway renewal work is expected to last until February 27.

Thousands of workers in Games challenge

THOUSANDS of amateur athletes from top UK companies have signed up for the 2015 UK Corporate Games being held in Staffordshire this summer.

Organisers of the games, being held in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent between June 25 and 28. have already confirmed more than 3,000 competitors from more than 50 Rulica O'Rrian By Lisa O'Brien

companies.
Ernst and Young will be entering their 20th consecutive games with 200 entrants and Towers Watson will celebrate 10 consecutive years with 150 entrants.

Virgin Trains are set to field more than 100 entrants and Vodafone and CSC more than 300 entrants each.

Offer

Hosting the games is expected to generate more than £2.5 million for the local economy while show-casing the area's investment potential.

Competitors will play various sports including hockey, cricket, rugby sev-ens, netball, volleyball, and dragon boat racing. Venues include Stafford-chine University and Tron

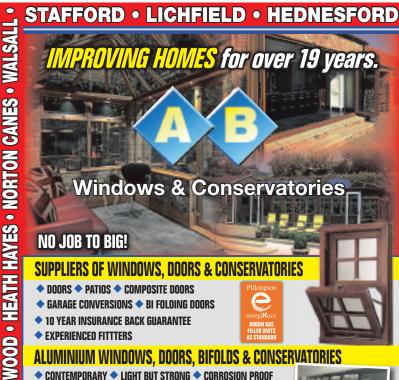
shire University and Tren-tham Gardens. Staffordshire

County Council economy chief Councillor Mark Win-nington said: "We're look-ing forward to welcoming thousands of people to our great county and some real movers and shakers from the world of business.

"We already know what a great place it is to live, work and invest in and this is a great way of letting the rest of the country know what we have to offer.

"Such an influx of visitors "Such an influx of visitors will also provide a welcome boost to our local tourism sector which continues to grow," Councillor Winnington added.

Staffordshire companies are being encouraged to sign up and can register at www. corporate-games.com or on 01733 380888.



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we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as Cloudy2Clear service

success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

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Force will spend £23m on hi-tech overhau

STAFFORDSHIRE Police will spend £23 million overhauling its technology systems – de-

spite having makes cuts of the same amount. Chiefs at the force say the new equipment will save thousands of hours of administrative work and

give officers more time to spend on the frontline.

Officers will take statements on tablets instead of writing notes and will be able to upload them to the computer vstem in a few clicks rather By Adam Burling

than type them out. Nearly £15m will be borrowed to fund the investment, with fund the investment, with the rest coming from the sale of assets, such as the old police HQ in Stafford. It comes as the force faces a £22.8m budget shortfall, created by its Home Office grant being slashed. But the county's Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis insists the fresh investment is needed

fresh investment is needed to bring the force into the modern age. It was revealed last week the number of oflast week the number of of-ficers would drop by 48 but he said that would not affect frontline staff. He said he wanted officers to spend an extra 5,000 hours a week on the frontline

"That figure comes from an assessment of the amount of time that officers spend using a system that is less than friendly. PCSOs

can spend Thursday and Friday entering informa-tion into four, five or six databases but the future is technology where these things can be done at a sin-gle touch," Mr Ellis said.

In his latest budget report, he added: "A total investment over of £23m is planned in the ICT Transformation project.

formation project.

"Some of this investment will be funded from capital receipts arising from the down sizing and disposal of police assets, as the new technology enables a reduced requirement for building based working. In addition there will be a requirement to take on some additional borrowing to additional borrowing to support this, which will be funded from savings made in the revenue budget."

Author wins deal by hitting target



Dream come true – Norton Canes author Bekki Pate has just had her first book The Willow Tree published

AN author from Norton Canes could be Britain's next best

AN author from Norton Canes could be Britain's next best seller thanks to an online campaign. Bekki Pate bagged a publishing deal after reaching a pre-order target.

The 26-year-old works full-time in clinical trials for the NHS and has always dreamed of seeing her novel in print. She had three months to hit 250 pre orders.

She first put pen to paper seven years ago, for her horror based book The Willow Tree and has since penned two more. The Willow Tree is available on Amazon and Kindle.

History group to meet

THE next meeting of the Norton Canes Historical Society & Family History Group is on Tuesday from 7 to 9pm at the library in Burntwood Road. The speaker for the evening is the popular Black Country historian and speaker Ian Bott. His topic is 'A Grave Subject!' Admission is free.





NHS balance sheets show multi-million pound gap

Pretty good at raising funds



This year, Race for Life organisers need 6,750 women and girls to stride out to help raise £300,000 for vital research into cancer

WOMEN from across Staffordshire

WOMEN from across Staffordshire are being urged to sign up for a new Race for Life event.

Weston Park has been chosen to host one of four Pretty Muddy events in the Midlands this summer. Pretty Muddy is a women-only, non-competitive obstacle course – with added mud.

It will take place for the first time at Weston Park on May 2.

Emily Thompson, an event manager for Cancer Research UK, said: "The event is taking place in the area for the first time and we're calling on local ladies to sign up

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and girls to stride out to help raise £300,000 for vital research.

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10 enter Kace for Life, go to raceforlife.org or call 0300 123 0770.

THE NHS in Staffordshire made £40 million losses while hospitals in the Black Country are sitting on more than £130 million in

ting on more than £130 million in spare cash, new figures show.

The now-dissolved Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust overspent by £24.8m in its final year and the University Hospital of North Staffordshire (UHNS) spent £19m more than budgeted.

And bosses at the University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust, which now runs the former Stafford Hospital and the Royal Stoke Hospital, admitted they have no cash reserves. At the end the last financial year, UHNS had £1.5m in the bank.

But four Black Country hospitals and West Midlands Ambulance Service made

West Midlands Ambulance Service made combined profits of £29m with £134m in cash at the bank last year.

Question

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said the spare cash raised questions why large amounts were not being spent. He said: "What this highlights is that the money is there but we need to question if it is being spent in the right way. The question that has to be asked of trust chief executives is why this money is not being used for patient care. We don't want hospitals hoarding huge amounts of money."

The Royal Wolverhampton Trust, which now runs Cannock Hospital, has made a surplus for eight years in a row worth a total of £61m. They have £34.4m in the bank from these surpluses.

Walsall Healthcare Trust ran a surplus of £12.2m and had £10.5m in the bank.

And West Midlands Ambulance Service was £2.5m in the black and has a total of South Staffordshire MP Gavin William-

And West Midlands Ambulance Service was £2.5m in the black and has a total of £20m in the bank.

Chris Adcock, director of finance at UHNM, said: "We face a tough financial challenge, but it must be emphasised that we will not be compromising on services or the quality of care which UHNM provides."

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Butchery assistant Amy Foster gives a big smile for the sausage competition at Essington Fruit Farm

A FARM has been championing the importance of a hearty breakfast with its prize-winning sausages.

Essington Fruit Farm marks Farmhouse Breakfast Week each year, and farm boss Richard Simkin said they decided the board with of flow with it this year.

each year, and rain boss instituted similar said they declated to have a bit of fun with it this year.

The national promotional week – first held in 2000 – encourages people to make changes to their routine, reminding them that breakfast is the most important meal of the

day.

Customers who visited the Bognop Road farm during the week had the chance to do a blind taste test to try and identify the flavours of five of the farm's free range, homemade sausages. Mr Simkin said: "It has been creating excitement throughout the week.

"It has generated quite a bit of fun at the farm. We like

"It has generated quite a bit of fun at the farm. We like to stress the importance of breakfast. I would never dream of leaving the house each day without breakfast."

by train in region

THE number of rail journeys made within the West Midlands topped 50 million in 2013-2014, new figures show.

The statistics from the Office of Rail Regulation show a 6.6 per cent increase on 2012-13 to 51,052 journeys. Journeys between the West Midlands and

other regions also rose by 3.9 per cent to 27,164.
And on the most popular routes to and from London and the North West there and the North West there were increases of 5.1 per cent. There were 11 million individual pasengers travelling between the West Midlands and London and 4.3m for the North West.

Increased

Every district/unitary authority within the West Midlands, with the excep-tion of Telford and Wre-kin, saw an increase in the number of journeys to/from other regions compand to other regions compared to 2012-13, with an increase of more than five per cent for

more than five per cent for Staffordshire. Rail journeys within the West Midlands have increased annually from 15,165 a year in 2000-01. The majority of journeys

- 77.7 per cent - in 2013-14 started or ended in the West Midlands metropol-itan authority area. Seb itan authority area. Seb Gordonn, spokesman for the Rail Delivery Group, which represents Network which represents Network Rail and train operators, said: "There is more to do to make Britain's railway even better but new and improved services combined with good-value fares are attracting more passengers.'

Councillor Roger Horton, rail lead on public transport authority Centro, said: "There is a growing use of park and ride on the railways and it is proving so successful we are having difficulty keeping up with it." ficulty keeping up with it.



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A COMPANY specialising in deliveries, collection, removals and property clearances has started up in Cannock.

A&M Express Services was founded by Alan Bilbie and Mark Hopley, who had

A&M Express Services was founded by Alan Bilbie and Mark Hopley, who had worked in the delivery and logistics trade for a combined 20 years.

"Through many conversations we realised that Cannock and the surrounding areas had a gap in the market for a local, reliable delivery and collection company," Mr Bilbie said. "More people were moving house and the recession was getting better. "We now provide both commercial and private customers with a credible, quality alternative to their logistical needs."

Mr Bilbie said A&M Express Services is focussed on 'being a local company and looking after local people'.

Working as a two-man team with the tag line 'Big enough to cope, small enough to care', current customers include Furniture Village of Nottingham and Pickfords.

Thousands of council homes Anger as doctors to be given £35m makeover

across Cannock will be improved under multi-million pound plans an-

under multi-million pound plans announced by housing chiefs.

More than £35 million will be spent on replacing kitchens and bathrooms, upgrading central heating and installing double glazing. Meanwhile, 129 new properties will be built in the district over the next three years to help reduce waiting lists as part of the project.

The cash will go toward replacing a total of 825 bathrooms and 210 kitchens. More than 2,500 properties will benefit from improved central heating and electrical upgrades.

Double glazing will also be installed at almost 3,000 properties before winter 2017. The

most 3,000 properties before winter 2017. The announcement follows the council's decision to

freeze council house rent along with council tax, which leaders said would help families in the area. It will be the first time both council tax and rent have been frozen since 1993.

Councillor Frank Allen, cabinet member for housing on the district council, said: "The pro-posed programme will provide a range of home improvements for the benefit of our existing improvements for the benefit of our existing tenants, whilst providing 129 additional council properties in which new tenants can make a home. I am delighted that it is both possible to complete the double glazing programme before the onset of the 2017-18 winter and further extend our new-build programme." The 129

Moss Road Estate in Chadsmoor, Green Lane in Rugeley and at a number of former garage sites throughout the district.

throughout the district.

The proposals will go before the full council for approval on Wednesday. There are 5,500 council-owned homes in Cannock and surrounding towns such as Rugeley and Hednesford. The rent freeze will come into force from April.

Council leader George Adamson said: "I am also aware of the impact of rent increases on hard working families and for many years tenants have had above inflation rent determined by the National Government.

"We now have the increased freedom to determine rent increases ourselves and have decided that a proposed rent freeze will give them a well

that a proposed rent freeze will give them a well earned break."

surgery to close

A DOCTORS surgery in Burntwood has been earmarked for closure, sparking an angry reaction from patients. It is the latest blow for the town after the plug was pulled on a new multi-million-pound health centre.

Dr I Rasib & Partners in Cannock Road is

Dr I Rasib & Partners in Cannock Road is due to close, with bosses saying the building is 'severely outdated'.

Letters have been sent out to patients from Dr Rasib saying: "This letter is to inform you of the very difficult decision being considered to close our branch surgery in Burntwood. As you are aware our Burntwood premises are severely outdated and in need of major renovation and modernisation. Relogation to other premises has been

in need of major renovation and modernisa-tion. Relocation to other premises has been explored but is no longer an option."
District and county councillor Sue Wood-ward said. "This is another health blow for Burntwood." Patients who use the surgery are being told to use the surgery's other branch based at Cannock Hospital or find another practice in Burntwood.

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Coffee time Stalwart Derek made the coffers honorary life member

SI Cannock & District

SI Cannock & District member Jenny Holmes held a Friendship coffee morning with a bring and buy stall to raise funds for the club's chosen charities for their Diamond Anniversary year. Many club members and

Many club members and friends went along and as well as enjoying coffee and home made cakes and pastries they raised a little over £120 for the Pathway Project and Staffordshire Women's Aid. This will be added to funds raised throughout the year and cheques will be presented nearer to the

be presented nearer to the AGM in April.

At the end of January some members will be spending time at South Staffordshire College's Cannock campus to raise awareness about many issues which affect women and girls. Amongst the issues being raised will be domestic visused to the control of th raised will be domestic vi-olence. They will also be highlighting the symptoms of endometriosis and will have information available about trafficking and child sexual exploitation.



Pat Pincombe, Derek Johnson, Peter Wood and past chairman and Tom Waldron

CANNOCK Chase Mens Probus Club rec-

CANNOCK Chase Mens Produs Citib rec-organised their longest serving member with honorary life membership.

Derek Johnson joined the club in Jan-uary 1985. He has served as chairman on two occasions, 1992 and 2007, and has also

two occasions, 1992 and 2007, and has also held other posts within the club. He rarely misses a meeting.

To mark the milestone chairman Peter Wood presented him with a certificate in recognition of his achievement.

Derek told members how much he enjoys the meetings and the fellowship and was surprised but delighted with the honour.

Cannock Chase Mens Probus Club

Cannock Chase Mens Probus Club meets every other Monday. There is usually a speaker at every meeting covering many topics and interests.

topics and interests.

The club has an active sports and social section, with a bowls group, organised holidays, snooker and bowls competitions and a very popular quiz among the activities.

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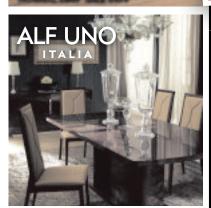
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Police panel's new faces



New members, from left, David Miller and Hayley Smith, Matthew Ellis, new ETAP member David Davies and ETAP chair Adrian Bowen

could receive a slice of more than £15 million worth of additional funding as part of a project to boost regeneration.

Local Enterprise Partnerships for Staffordshire and Cannock Chase have been allocated an additional £15.4m to help create jobs and support businesses

£15.4m to help create jobs and support businesses.

The latest funding brings the total amount of government Growth Deal funding to £97.7m for the area and Stoke on Trent.

Cannock Chase prospective Conservative MP Amanda Milling said: "This £15.4 million of extra funding is fantastic news for local people in Cannock Chase and now decisions on how this money is spent are being made by local people who are best placed to ensure it makes a real difference."

She added: "Projects like the investment in improvements to Rugeley will help bring

in improvements to Rugeley will help bring growth and prosperity to our area."

Invest

Plans for the regeneration of Rugeley including £100,000 improvements to the town centre will follow major flood defence work announced last week as part of the £1.29 million Growth Deal.

£1.29 million Growth Deal.
Growth Deals bring together government funding for investment in infrastructure, housing, and other projects and put it in a single pot which is then placed in the hands of local authorities and businesses to invest. Miss Milling added: "The local Growth Deal will help local businesses create the jobs we need so more hardworking families can have the security of a regular pay packet, and will help equip our young people with the skills they need to get on in life." FOUR new members have been added to an independent panel set up to strengthen public scrutiny of as we strive to set the bar higher and create a new dawn of transpar-ency in policing. This is about being Set up by Matthew Ellis, Stafford-shire's Police and Crime Commis-sioner, The Ethics, Transparency and Audit Panel (ETAP) is now made up of 10 members. policing. open and transparent so that public confidence across policing and criminal justice is improved. "This panel has used its wide-ranging and rigorous powers to scrutinise crime recording, forensics, Taser use, and stop and search Confidence to make sure decisions made by the to make sure decisions made by the police are correct and in the best in-terests of the public." Mr Ellis said they are looking for more members of the public to get involved, and more information is available at www.staffordshire-pcc. Prime Minister David Cameron said: The panel meets regularly and is part of Mr Ellis's aim for policing in Staffordshire to be the most open and transparent in the country.

He said: "Honest and independ-Frime Minister David Cameron said: "Giving local communities the power and the money to unlock growth and develop-ment and make the spending decisions that work for them is a key part of our long-term economic plan to secure a brighter future for Britain and ensure a recovery for all." ent scrutiny by the public is crucial gov.uk/eta Suddz Bathrooms & Kitchens Units 2/3, Smarts Business Park, Chase Road, Brownhills, WS8 6JN 01543 379670 Call now for a FRFF, no obligation quote 3D design service Actual Installation Previous Satisfied Customer? Recommend a friend and receive £50 love to shop vouchers They will also receive an additional £50 off their order



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Musician under siege in row over repossession



Mervyn Spence sold two of his prized guitars in 2010 to keep up with his repayments for the property

A penniless former rock star has locked himself in the attic of his recording studio at his Staffordshire country home – to protest against a mortgage company trying to repossess his property.

Marries Standard 55 tools.

Mervyn Spence, aged 55, took the drastic step after he was unable to meet the £1,400-a-month repayments with building society

The former bass guitarist with

in January last year and a judge ruled they had the right to sell the two-bed-room detached house where he lives on

his own.

The building society ordered the property to be cleared and front door locked last week. But Mr Spence is

refusing to budge and has been holed up in the attic of the house's barn con-version, which he uses as a recording

studio.

Friends are helping the former rock star stay with food while he keeps himself entertained by writing songs on his guitar.

The singer-songwriter, who is also a former member of Trapeze, said: "I'm going to stay here as long as it takes."

Nationwide said it had tried to come to a workable solution with Mr Spence since his account first fell into arrears in 2010. A spokesman claimed his rate in 2010. A spokesman claimed his rate was 'completely fair and reasonable'.

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Business park revamp

A TOTAL of £800,000 will be spent on a business park in Cannock thanks to government funding. Cannock Chase Council has received the money from the Local Growth Deal. The cash will be spent on making improvements at Kingswood Lakeside off Hickling Road such as installing new lighting and to carry out drainage works. Access to the site will also be improved using the money. Council bosses hope the investment will be a boost for the area. Council leader George Adamson said: "The additional investment will open up Kingswood Lakeside even further."

NHS hotline launched to deal with complaints

A NEW NHS complaints service is being launched in Staffordshire - amid fears more than 3,000 incidents of poor care went unreported last year.

people are not lodging com-plaints when they experi-ence problems in hospitals or GPs surgeries.

Manager Elizabeth Lea-royd said she is confident it can make a 'big difference'.

She added: "Our research indicates people are reluc-tant to raise a concern about their experience of NHS health services.

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"They fear their care or that of a relative might become worse as a result, they are worried or frightened of making a complaint, unsure about what to do or feel nothing will be achieved by doing so.

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"Our free and confidential service will provide local support to those people. We can guide them through what can sometimes be a confusing process at a time when they're perhaps feeling emotional and vulnerable.

"We recognise the nature of the NHS service requires

of the NHS service requires a personal touch and that's why we have chosen to move away from faceless call cen-

tres.
"Healthwatch will provide



Elizabeth Learoyd

help and information with personal, independent, face-to-face support tailored to the needs of an individual. "We can explain the choices available and help

cnoices available and nelp make sure service providers are listening to the concerns being raised."

The service also provides self-help packs and guid-ance leaflets on topics such

as getting access to medical records.

The watchdog will use information gathered from the complaints to help improve health and social care in the county.

in the county.

Anyone wanting to make a complaint about the delivery of NHS health services can now call free on 0800 161 5600 or email advocacy@eestaffs.co.uk

For details, go to www. healthwatchstaffordshire.

Women bishops will soon be the norm, claims MP

WOMEN bishops will be considered the norm in four or five years, just as female newsreaders have been, Midland MP Michael Fabri-

ant has said.

The Lichfield MP drew the comparison as he welcomed the appointment of Rev Libby Lane, who made

Rev Libby Lane, who made history after becoming the first female Church of England bishop.

She was ordained as the eighth Bishop of Stockport in a service at York Minster.

Speaking in the Commons, Lichfield MP Mr Fabricant asked Conservative Sig. Town Paldwin "Do ative Sir Tony Baldry: "Do you agree with me that in four or five years time,

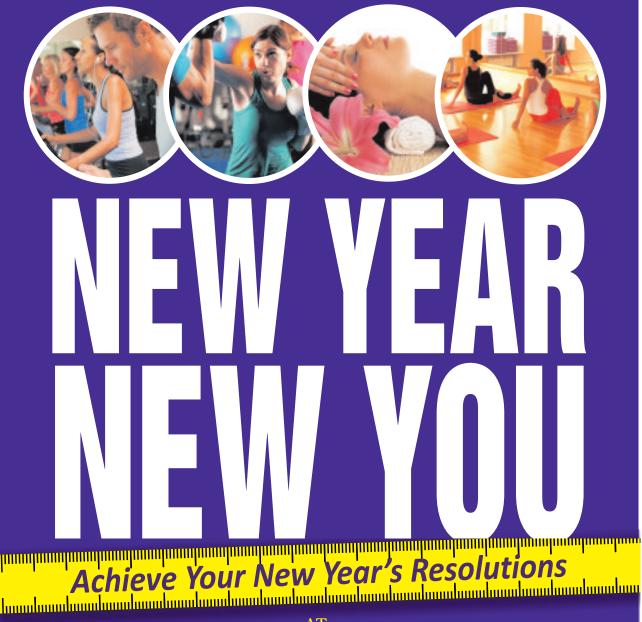
rather like women news readers actually, we will take this appointment of a woman bishop as a matter of course?

of course?"

As the question was asked, one MP could be heard joking: "Women bishops will read the news?"

Sir Tony, who represents the Church of England in the Commons, replied to Mr Fabricant: "I entirely agree with you.

with you.
"It was fantastic seeing 100 bishops at the consecra-tion of the Bishop of Stock-port earlier this week, but I'm quite sure that in two or three years it is going to be commonplace and, quite rightly, unremarkable."



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They are being held to raise money for her friend Michelle Price's son Max, who has cerebral palsy. Both events are in aid of Max's Mission To Move

of Max's Mission To Move and will be held at the Pear Tree Club in Rugeley. The first is a ticket-only Ladies Afternoon on March 14 between 1.30 and 4pm. Tickets are £8 each. The second is a family fun day on May 16 from 2 to 6pm. A special feature at the fun day is the Rugeley.

the fun day is the Rugeley Bake Off. To enter, email MaxsMissiontoMove@ hotmail.com Contact 07910 038678 or 07803 411569 or log on

to www.justgiving.com/ Maxsmissiontomove

School gets £1k award

ETCHING Hill Primary School in Rugeley has been awarded £1,000 from the Minister of State for Schools in the Pupil Premium Awards 2015.
"This award highlights the exceptional work that the headteacher governers."

the headteacher, gover-nors and whole school team have carried out," a spokesman for the school

"Etching Hill are actually one of the most improved schools in the

Groups provide comfort for struggling refugees

COMMUNITY groups have joined together to provide support to the humanitarian crisis in Northern Iraq.

Volunteers from St Mary's Church, Colton Choir, and St Mary's School in Colton, near Rugeley, have and St Mary's School in Colton, near Rugeley, have helped fill 57 banana boxes with emergency warm clothing in just three to four days.

The boxes include coats, shoes and blankets among other items and will help tens of thousands of men, women and children living in refuge during the winter.

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The aid will help 900,000 displaced people sheltering in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) after being forced from their homes by Islamic militants Islamic militants.

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Many are living in tents or under plastic sheeting and the people have been left with summer clothing during the winter months.

David Brown, from St Mary's Church and co-ordinator for the collection in Colton, said: "These people were getting on with their lives and now they're strugging to stay alive – it's a terrible situation.

"But people have responded brilliantly to the appeal. We've only had several days to collect the cloth-

ing and some of the items that have been donated are of high quality."

The 74-year-old, who

The 74-year-old, who spent 10 days providing aid in Kenya during his time in the Navy in 1961, added: "Both Tesco in Rugeley and Hawkins Logistics in Brereton have been incredibly helpful and supportive."

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"Hawkins kindly provided us with a van and driver – Kieran – to escort the items and we returned three or four times to collect banana boxes from "Desco". boxes from Tesco.

The supplies were delivered to Wellingborough in Northamptonshire to be transported to the Middle

To donate to the crisis appeal go to www.christianaid.org.uk/emergencies/current/iraq-crisis-appeal



From left, David Brown, from St Mary's Church and collection co-ordinator, Kieran Greatorex and Rev Adrian Low

Deadline is **looming for** young writers

TIME is running out for young Rugeley writers.
A project offering three teenagers the chance to win £500 each has only weeks to go before it closes.

The cash awards are being offered by the town's Chetwynd Charity in mem-ory of its president, former councillor Nancy Walker,

who died in September.
Entrants are being invited to write an essay of between 1,000 and 1,500 words on how, sensibly, they would use £500 to im-

prove their own lives.

The competition is open
to teenagers aged 16 to 19 inclusive, living in the ancient parish of Ruge-ley. Entries should reach charity chairman Mrs Pat Tams at 4, Tithebarn Road, Rugeley, WS15 2QW by the end of February.

Firms lands pier contract

A FIRM in Rugeley has won a contract to trans-form a 142-year-old pier in Lincolnshire.

GMP Design has been drafted in to design and manage the £2.5 million project, which will breathe new life into Cleethorpes

Pier.
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a top prize.

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Lancaster Hotel.

Last year Carol Trigg, who has limited sight, was named volunteer of the year for 45 years of service. Nominate at www.sja.org.uk/everydayheroes before February 28.

Notice of eviction led to taking of overdose

A MAN died froman overdose of prescribed antidepressants after hearing his home was

to be repossessed, an inquest heard.
Cannock Coroners Court was told bailiffs visited
Patrick McMenamin on September 1 at his hme in
Allen Birt Walk, Rugeley. They found the door unlocked and Mr McMenamin dead at the property. By Katy-Rose Meaney

locked and Mr McMenami
The inquest heard the
47-year-old had fallen into
financial difficulty after his
relationship broke down and
he lost his job.
A toxicology report found
he died from a 'substantial'
overdose of Mirtazapine.
Results showed a mixture
of alcohol and both prescribed and non-prescription drugs and the cause of
death was recorded as Mirtazapine poisoning.
The court heard from DS
Adrian Webb, from Staffordshire Police, who attended
the scene.

Spiralled

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He said: "A bailiff and locksmith attended the property at noon to take possession of the house. The front door was unlocked and they were able to enter the property without force.

"Mr McMenamin was found face down on the bed and the police were called."

The former gas plumber was on medication for depression after his financial problems spiralled.

Mr McMenamin began drinking heavily and had previously taken an overdose in January 2014 after receiving the first eviction notice, the inquest heard.

Ms Lynn Hunt, from the community mental health team, said Mr McMenamin was referred to the team when he was admitted to County Hospital A&E following an overdose of Par-

acetamol. After this, he was prescribed antidepressants and had regular appoint-ments with the care team. His last appointment was on August 20, 2014 and Mr. Hunt told the court, the support team found him to be making progress and he

support team found him to be making progress and he was looking into alternative accommodation with Bromford Housing.

He still appeared low and it was agreed he should continue with his medication.

The court heard Mr McMenamin had not told his support team or his family that the eviction notice had been reissued and he was last seen on August 28.

Senior Coroner for Staffordshire South Mr Andrew Haigh concluded: "Mr McMenamin died from suicide while mentally unwell. I am

Menamin died from suicide while mentally unwell. I am satisfied that he did intend to kill himself due to the volume of medication taken. "Mr McMenamin was depressed but not diagnosed with a particular psychiatric condition. He drank excessively and had a history of self harm. I feel the overdose attempt in January was a cry for help and the warrant for possession of his house was put back. "The accommodation difficulty was a major concern but the team were not aware the eviction notice had been reissued in August."

Crossing patrol cutbacks U-turn given a welcome

A COUNCILLOR has welcomed news that funding for school crossing patrols across Staffordshire will no longer be cut.

Staffordshire County Council revealed last week that plans in the draft budget to slash the funding had been axed following public consultation.

Burntwood North county councillor Sue Woodward said: "I welcome this change of heart.

"I'm a governor of a pri-mary school on a busy road. We need our crossing patrols and don't want children's safety to be compromised." The county council said last year it needed to make

budget cuts of £102 million over the next five years.

As a result, 329 school crossing patrols were under threat in a bid to save £250,000, but now bosses have decided to axe the plans under a revised version of the budget.

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sion of the budget.

Budget amendments also include spending an extra £20m on caring for young and older people living in the county from April.

Examples of how the cash will be spent include an extra £1.2m on looking after children in care, £3.9m for supported living and residential care for people with disabilities and £2m on adult social care.

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Parents protest over child centre changes



Shevonne Hodson-Walker and Esther Allen, with children Benjamin Winwood and Rosie Allen, both 13 months

ANGRY parents have launched a campaign to stop a children's centre from closing and another being taken over by a primary school.

Boney Hay Children's Centre in Burntwood has been earmarked for closure by the county council. Plans are also in place for Springhill Primary School to take over the running of Springhill Children's Centre.

Plans are also in place for Springhill Frimary School to take over the running of Springhill Children's Centre.

This means the centre will remain open but the school, instead of the county council, will manage it.

Parents have launched a petition and hope bosses will listen to their concerns and reverse their decisions.

More than 600 people have signed the petition in under a week. Parent Esther Allen, one of the lead campaigners, takes her 13-month-old daughter Rosie to Springhill. She said: "I started this petition because I felt there was a lack of awareness in the local community over the council's plans to close the children's centres and I knew the people of Burntwood would back keeping these facilities open."

Under the council plans, 43 children centres will be axed, with the loss of four workers, in a move to save £3 million. Councillor Mike Lawrence, for children and community, said: "The point is that ensuring the best start for under-fives is not about supporting buildings but delivering services where they're needed in communities, so this new approach will focus our energy and resources on providing the right services, in the right place, for the right people. District and county councillor Sue Woodward added: "I am devastated that, yet again, Burntwood and its residents are losing out."

Petition to have health centre plan reinstated

tion calling for a decision to scrap plans for a multi-million-pound health centre in Burntwood to be overturned.

The project was thrown out despite being agreed in 2011. Work should have got under way last year but the town was left in limbo over the planned GP and nursing complex following the restructure of the NHS.

the NHS.

It was then revealed the plans had been scrapped altogether.

Now, Burntwood Town Council has launched a fight

to get the plans revived, and has collected more than 500 signatures so far.

Advance

Councillors say the health centre, earmarked for the site of the temporary one next to Burntwood Leisure Centre, is vital for the town. County councillor Sue Woodward said: "The withdrawal of funding to our health centre was, in the end, due to the NHS reorganisation."

ganisation. "However, it seems there were a number of times just in advance of the reorgan-isation that opportunities **By Adam Burling**

to take the scheme forward were missed."

Town council leader Councillor Di Evans said: "Hundreds of residents have signed the petition already, and we are asking local people, if they haven't already done so, to sign it so that we can submit it to the Health Secretary to show the strength of feeling in Burntwood."

Councillor Mike Wilcox.

Councillor Mike Wilcox, the leader of Lichfield Dis-trict Council, added: "While we of course understand the we of course understand the budgetary pressures faced by the NHS, this is incred-ibly disappointing news for the residents of Burnt-wood."

Play centre on ebay with £40k tag



The owners of Go Bananas that closed suddenly have put the business up for sale with a £40,000 price tag



Equipment was for sale on ebay

FROM climbing frames to plastic slides to chocolate bars and packets of

sugar.

These are just some of the items that have been put up for sale by the owners of a soft play centre that closed suddenly, leaving youngsters in tears.

Bosses at Go Bananas in Burntwood initially said they would look to relocate the business after a dispute with their landled their landlord.

The firm then said talks were being held with people interested in buying all the equipment from the centre.

But now a full list of the equipment with a price tag of £40,000 from inside the centre has appeared on internet auction site ebay, along with a handful of photographs.

The list includes a large climbing frame with slides. Co Kent treak with

frame with slides, Go Kart track with vehicles and a football pitch attached,

snooker table and a 30ft har with a

shooker table and a soft bar with a beach style wooden canopy roof.

Also listed is a milkshake maker, dish washer, pots and pans, and even chocolate bars, sweets and packets of

No bids were made for the items when the listing was removed and it is unclear whether anyone met the ask-

ing price.

The centre's closure left scores of

The centre's closure left scores of parents fuming.

Some had paid deposits for parties and are still waiting for refunds.

On the firm's Facebook page, Shane Garbett wrote: "This is a disgrace. ere is personal bank details within the building which you have a legal responsibility to look after."

Nici Webb said: "It's a very unrealistic time frame for someone to move all

tic time frame for someone to move all equipment and hire a unit."

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Cricket being played at Dunstall Park in the 1980s





Wolverhampton Engraving Co Christmas party in the Victoria Hotel, 1928



The 1.400 seat Dunstall Odeon Cinema on Stafford Road

Stafford Road bridge over the canal circa 1972

Development near estate put racing on the right track

was born in Dunstall Hall, pleas-

was born in Dunstall Hall, pleas-antly out in the countryside some distance from Wolverhampton.

He was to bitterly oppose the building of the Birmingham to Shrewsbury Railway, which opened in 1854 overlooking the east-ern side of his property, followed by the construction of Oxley Sidings and, worst of all, the Great Western Railway locomotive works on the other side, looming over him on Dunstall Hill.

Changes

The march of the new terraced streets of Whitmore Reans right up to the western side of his estate, must have been the final straw, and he moved out, to Oxley Manor, and sold Dunstall Park to a new racecourse company

Over the next 100 years the changes to the area around Dunstall Hill were minimal, but in the last 40 years small changes have made parts of the district hard to recognise in pho-

tographs which were taken only recently. The locomotive works were replaced by an industrial estate on Dunstall Hill, while the steady upgrade of the Stafford Road to a dual carriageway caused the Dunstall Odeon Cinema opposite the end of Bushbury Lane, to be demolished in 1981.

The railway bridges nearer to town were changed and Christchurch on Five Ways Island was replaced by a measure.

land was replaced by a mosque.

The racecourse itself was even redeveloped in 1993 and turned from a traditional all-grass course with a triangular layout, and ageing facilities, to an oval all-weather, flood-

lit course.

There are parts of Wolverhampton which are entirely recognisable in photographs taken 100 years ago, and that may be true of certain places in Dunstall. But in others, 40 years ago is like a foreign land.



A CHAMPION for denture wearers, Steven Burchell DipCDT RCS(Eng) has spent more than ten years campaigning to "break the taboo over false teeth and prove that high-quality dentures can

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Can dentures ever be glamorous? "Emphatically, yes," adds

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"People have come to us with ill-fitting teeth, sunken cheeks and

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Thursday, February 5, 2015

One man's rubbish can be treasure on website

another man's treasure. What may be unwanted household furniture for someone could

be a hidden gem for another.
The boom in demand for retro second-hand goods has now been tapped into by a Cannock businessman.
Matt Flint has launched what he believes is the world's first online marketplace for reclaimed, salvaged, upwaveled and antique goods.

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The Reclamation Shop was officially launched in the UK and Ireland last year and the website has had more than a million hits. The aim is to allow people to search for items they want in one place, rather than having to scout around often driving miles away looking for that unique product.

It allows users to view and buy that 'hidden gem' from some of the largest and most well-established reclamation, salvage and antique yards in the country without leaving their home.

Interested

Almost 30 reclamation yards and antique dealers have signed up with The Reclamation Shop website, with

The Reclamation Shop website, with goods ranging from one-off tables, chairs, desks, cabinets and cast-iron fireplaces to reclaimed bricks, doors and antique furniture.

One of those is Owl Barn Interiors who mainly reclaim old furniture which can date back hundreds of years and then be sold on. Based at Cawarden Springs Farm, in Blithbury Road, Rugeley, it sells a range of items usually ranging from £80 to £600.

They are mainly sourced from auctions, fairs and members of the public contacting them to see if they would be interested. Its stock includes a vintage rocking chair of around 100 years-old,



Ann Denton with a vintage rocking



Adele Flint and a pink wicker chair



A 1900s chemists shop that was removed from a retail outlet

a pink wicker chair of almost half-a-century and a pew from a church in Birmingham which is believed to go back centuries. Ann Denton, who runs the shop, said: "There is a demand, sometimes people like something with a bit of character." a bit of character."

a bit of character."

Among the most distinctive items being showcased through the website is an old chemists shop from the 1900s. Matt has already received a boost from Dragons' Den star Theo Paphi-

tis, who named it his Small Business

Symday winner last year.

The 31-year-old father, who runs the business from Heritage Park, Heath Hayes, said: "My wife, Adele, has an upcycling business of her own and it was her frustration with trying to hunt out a hidden treasure that led to the foundation of The Reclamation

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Wedding parties planned for council HQ A CIVIC centre ballroom will be given a new lease of life as a wedding reception venue under plans to bring in money for Cannock Chase Council. It was revealed last week that Cannock's registrars service will be moving into the council's civic centre in the coming months. And now bosses at the council say they are considerate weather than the services into the civic centre in a bid to self-mixed the coming months. And now bosses at the council say they are considerate who was a self-mixed plane. The council is looking to move more services into the civic centre in a bid to ballroom will be used for receptions as wedding reception parties can be held after ceremonies take place. The ballroom, which has a bar and can hold 450 people, has only been used for meeting in recent years. The council is looking to move more services into the civic centre in a bid to ballroom will be used for receptions as wedding reception parties can be held after ceremonies take place. The ballroom, which has a bar and can hold 450 people, has only been used for meeting in recent years. The council is looking to move more services into the civic centre in a bid to well, "he added."

at the council say they are consider-

save thousands of pounds. It needs to

cut £578,000 from its budget by 2018. Council leader George Adamson said today: "We are in discussions at the moment over the ballroom. It has been

moment over the ballroom. It has been kept empty for a number of years. "The registrars office is definitely moving in. If there is demand then the ballroom will be used for receptions as well," he added.

Man, 40, kicked partner after losing his temper

Shopper wins groceries



Charity draw winner Phyllis Mabbley with her prize and Ronnie Kinsell, customer service manager at the Tesco store in Hednesford

A SHOPPER won £100 worth of groceries in a charity prize draw at a

A SHOPPER won £100 worth of groceries in a charity prize draw at a supermarket in Hednesford.

Phyllis Mabbley won the competition run by Tesco. People entered the draw by donating cash to charity – Diabetes UK and British Heart Foundation were among the charities to benefit. Wrs Mabbley, from Pye Green, said: "Tm thrilled I've never won anything before."

Ronnie Kinsell, customer service manager at the store, said: "The event was organised to celebrate our new charity of the year – National Charity Partnership – where customers kindly donated cash to be entered into a prize draw to win a trolley of shopping."

The trolley prize incentive helped to raise £550 for the charities.

pulled a knife on his partner has been spared an immediate prison sentence.

Dean Morris launched the 'horrific' attack on his girlfriend after losing his temper, Stafford Crown Court heard. The victim, who had been threatened and had her top ripped, managed to flee to a neighbour's house. She had bruises all over her face and parts of her body.

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Morris, aged 40, of Huntsman's Walk,
Rugeley, admitted assault causing actual
bodily harm. At the crown court hearing,
Judge Mark Eades gave him a 15-month
sentence suspended for two years and was
ordered to do 150 hours unpaid community
work. He also ordered him to pay his now
ex-partner £1,000 compensation, plus £100
surcharge.

Started

He told him: "The attack you perpetrated was horrific, it was sustained and you delivered blows all over her body. You punched her, pulled her hair, kicked her legs."

Mr Delroy Henry, prosecuting, said it was not known what started the argument in the couple's home in June last year. They had been together for seven years and had a son. They split in January last year, but got back together in April.

Mr Henry said on the day of the attack the pair had been to a pub, and the argument started when they got back home.

In an impact statement, the victim said she now had a new partner.

Mr Martin Liddiard, defending, said: "She has moved on and my client is beginning to do so."

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"This was not a premeditated incident.
He completely lost his temper, something which is unlikely to happen again."

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Part of the 34kg haul was recovered in a car boot by police at the Hilton Park
M6 services near junction 11 of the M6 at Cannock, while more was found in
at a room in Holiday Inn in Stafford. Charles Hendrie and his girlfriend Leah Parkes, who were approached at the service station by police and arrested, were both found guilty of conspiracy to supply Class A drugs by a jury at Stafford

Parkes, who were approached at the serv both found guilty of conspiracy to supp Crown Court last October.

Adib Asfour, aged 26, of Kinlet Close, Wolverhampton, was also found guilty of the same charge. At Stafford Crown Court on Monday, both Hendrie and Asfour were jailed for 10 years, while Parkes was given a seven-year prison sentence.

During the trial the court was told how the Holiday Inn, Acton Gate, was used as a meeting point to exchange and deal a large quantity of drugs.

On November 6, 2013, Hendrie and Parkes travelled to the hotel in a van.

After Parkes checked in, carrying a light-coloured double strapped shoulder bag, Hendrie travelled to Brownhills where a package of drugs was loaded into the van.

He then returned to the hotel and parked up in an unlit area.

It was there the drugs were separated into two suitcases, which were taken into the hotel room by Hendrie.

Targeted

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A short time later Asfour and another man entered the hotel room empty-handed. They left in possession of the light-coloured shoulder bag, believed to contain three kilos of the drug MDMA. Hendrie and Parkes then left the hotel with one suitcase. A targeted stop-check by Central Motorway Police Group officers on the M6 south-bound, between junctions 11and 10A, found the suitcase of drugs in the boot. The suitcase contained 16 packages of MDMA and both Hendrie and Parkes were arrested. A search of the hotel room uncovered the

A search of the hotel room uncovered the outstanding suitcase containing 19 packages of MDMA. Asfour was later arrested in December 2013. Hendrie and Parkes, both

December 2013. Hendrie and Parkes, both of Bury, Lancashire, got involved with Asfour after meeting him on holiday in Ibiza.

Mr Amiot Vollenweider, representing 30-year-old Hendrie, said he showed regret. His 'limited' role had been as a courier.

Mr Adrian Langdale, defending 28-year-old Parkes, said she was of previous good character but had mixed with the wrong people and had been naive. Mr Ranjit Lallie, for Asfour, said he came



Adib Asfour came into the conspiracy near the end but his role was important, the judge said

from a good background and had been a hardworking member of society. Judge Mi-chael Challinor said Hendrie had already been a practised drug dealer and was fully involved in the conspiracy, playing a signif-icant role icant role

icant role.

Turning to Parkes, he said he accepted she had been naive to an extent, but added:
"In your case, Leah Parkes, you knew full well what your boyfreind was up to and no doubt expected to share the profits."

He said Asfour had come into the conspiracy near the end but his role was important. Hendrie, Parkes and Asfour are expected to appear at court again at a later date for a

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proceeds of crime hearing.

Mark Harrington, 28, of Salford, and
Chloe Arrowsmith, 25, of London, were
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Ex-player who beat odds goes into print

WITH an under-19s cap for England under his belt and the world quite literally at his feet the future was looking bright for professional footballer Brian Mills.

But the Port Vale striker's career was cut short after he was struck down with a devastating illness

after he was struck down with a devastating illness at the age of 20.

Brain, of Handsacre, had played alongside stars including Andy Cole and Ian Walker and was a rising star in the World Youth Championships in Portugal in 1991.

But after waking one morning with what he thought was heatstroke he was given the shocking diagnosis that he was suffering with rare inflammatory disease transverse myelitis inflammation of the spinal cord – that would finish his career. After being forced to retire from professional football in 1993 he had to totally rethink his future.

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The former Fair Oak
High School pupil, who grew
up in Rugeley, began studying A-levels in physics and
maths at Stafford College, maths at Stafford College, before graduating in 1997 with a first class honours in physics and sports science from Loughborough Uni-versity.

versity.

He completed his post-graduate certificate in education the following year.

Now the 43-year-old, who is head of physics at John
Taylor High School, Barton under Needwood, has written his first book – Physics calculations for GCSE & IGCSE.

Hope

The journey from professional footballer to published author has been a long and sometime arduous one. He said: "Everything was going fantastic. At the end of the 1991-1992 season during the off season, at the end of May, I woke up one morning and was not feeling well. Initially they thought end of May, I woke up one morning and was not feeling well. Initially they thought it was heatstroke. By the fourth day I could not get out of bed. I was eventually diagnosed with transverse myelitis, inflammation of the spinal cord. They said that it was caused by a virus that got into the central nervous system."

Brian was left in a wheel-chair for six weeks and then had to learn to walk again. The football club kept him on for a further 15 months in the hope he would get fit buth he had to retire in August 1993.

Brian has credited his tough mental attitude for getting him through and said he was determined not to let the illness beat him.

After completing his teacher training he worked for two years at the Pingle

After completing his teacher training he worked for two years at the Pingle School in Derbyshire be-fore taking on the role at John Taylor High, where



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Brian faced up to his setback

With his new book on physics

In his Port Vale playing days

he has taught since 2000. Brian married wife Joanne in 2000 and the couple have two children, Connor, 13, and Libby, 11.

Away from football and physics Mr Mills is also a former British and West Midlands bench press cham-

Midlands bench press cham-pion and a keen swimmer and astronomer.

and astronomer.

The chartered physicist and member of the Institute of Physics said: "I have always had a passion for physics and mathematical problems and became a teacher because I wanted to pass this passion onto others. It is extremely satisfying pass this passion onto others. It is extremely satisfying to see students develop and progress in physics." The book, published by Physics Education Ltd, (£7.54).



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Paddy McGuinness

Take Me Out (ITV, 8.05pm)

It seems a long time ago indeed when Paddy McGuinness walked in the shadow of comic sidekick and best friend Peter Kay. Since those days, he's carved a nice little career for himself, married a model and become a father to twins. He's also recently announced he'll be touring again in September, but if you can't wait that long to cash in some of that unique McGuinness humour, he's back on the box tonight with this hilarious dating show. Tonight, he is serving up a treat for those ladies with lights; they will meet lifeguard Liam, barista Jonathon, hairdresser Nick and bagpiper Glenn. Surely love will blossom for some of them? If not, we'll have fun watching it try...

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6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 James Martin: Home Comforts. 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Football Focus. 12.50 Saturday Sportsday. 1.00 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v Ireland (Kick-off 2.30pm). 4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v Scotland (Kick-off 5.00pm).

- 6.55 BBC News; Regional News;
- Weather.

 7.15 The Volice UK. Emma Willis and Marvin Humes present the spinning-chair singing contest, in which Tom Jones, Will. I am, Ricky Wilson and Rila Ora seek out the nation's best vocal talent. As the coaches si with their backs to the singers, the fun for the viewers is guessing who is going to press their button first, as they silently will seek on the re-coache acent other coaches of the seek of the silently will seek the seek of the s guessing who is going to press
 their button first, as they silently
 quiz each other or goad each other
 on. As they become more keen to
 complete their teams, will they be
 less picky in their choices?
 Tonight's hopefuls include
 19-year-old Essex rapper Brooklyn
 and a familiar face to any fan of
 1980s opp — Brother Beyond
 singer Nathan Moore.
 8.35 The National Lottery: Win Your
 Wish List. Shane Richie hosts the
 game show in which two
 contestants pick a selection of
 dream prizes to make up their
 personal wish lists, all of which
 have a connection to their shared
 history together. They then face
 categories of questions in an
 attempt to win their chosen items.

 9.25 Casualty. It's inspection day so
 Connie gives the staff a pep talk—
 unaware of the problems in store.
 Two soldlers are injured in a
 explosion during a training
- explosion during a training exercise, but Rita can't understand exercise, but Rita can't understand why one of them is lying about the accident. A computer hacker tries to spread a little happiness, although it comes at a price that lands him in the ED — and as the doctors treat the patients illness, Robyn inadvertently causes a near-disaster by spreading his virus to Holby's computer system. Honey catches Big Mac taking stock from the food bank, and Zoe and Max rekindle their passion. 5 BBC News; Weather.
- 10.15 BBC News: Weather.

10.30 Match of the Day. 12.00 The Football League Show. 1.20 Film: Highlander: Endgame. (2000) 2.50 Weather for the Week Ahead. 2.55 BBC

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6.20 Film: War and Peace. (1956) 9.40 Fred Dibnah's Age of Steam. (R) 10.10 British Isles: A Natural History. (R) 11.00 Six Nations Rewind. 12.00 James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) 12.45 Food & Drink. (R) 1.15 Jack Lemmon: Talking Pictures. 2.00 Film: Cowboy. (1958) Western, starring Jack Lemmon. 3.30 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.30 Final Score. 5.15 Horrible Histories: Magna Carta Special. 5.45 The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) 6.45 Filon III Experts Thomas Plant and

- Carta Special. 5.45 The Great British Sewing Bea. (R)

 6.45 Flog It! Experts Thomas Plant and Michael Baggott are in Edinburgh, where items brought in by locals include a small wory trinket box and an example of Monart.

 7.35 Britain's Tudor Treasure: A Night at Hampton Court. With the royal palace celebrating its 500th anniversary this year, Lucy Worsley and David Starkey present a recreation of the christening service of Henry VIII's son and heir Edward on October 15, 1537. The two historians reveal how Henry's household came together for an occasion that used every part of Hampton Court Palace, from the royal apartments and the kitchens to the Chapel Royal, producing a pageant that was deeply political as well as being a carefully stage-managed performance. (R)

 8.35 Dad's Army. Mainwaring's platoon tries to raise money for the local

- performance. (R)

 8.35 Dad's Army. Mainwaring's platoon
 tries to raise money for the local
 Spittire fund by having a bash at
 morris dancing. Classic comedy
 first broadcast in 1974, starring
 Arthur Lowe. (R)

 9.05 QI XL. Extended edition. Ross
 Noble, Kathy Lette, Sue Perkins
 and Alan Davies attempt to answer
 host Stephen Fry's range of
 fiendish questions on the topic of
 ladies and gents.

 9.50 Film: Broken. (2012) Premiere.
 An 11-year-old girls innocent
 outlook on life is shattered when
 she sees her neighbour brutally
 tatack a man he suspects of raping
 his daughter. The incident leaves
 her unable to rust any of the nis daughter. The incident leaves her unable to trust any of the people and places she had previously considered safe, but finds solace in a friendship with the victim of the assault. Drama starring Eloise Laurence.
- 11.15 Film: Seven Years in Tibet. (1997) Fact-based drama, s Brad Pitt and David Thewlis starring 1.25 Film: Glory Road. (2006) 3.15 This

Bottom Knocker Street. 6.10
Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.20 Bottom Knocker Street. (R) 6.35 Dino Dan. (R)
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Share a Story. (R) 7.30 Scrambled!: Scrambled! 7.35 Scrambled!: Scrambled!: Adventure Time. 8.30 Scrambled!: Adventure Time. 8.30 Scrambled!: Hulk and the Agents of Smash. 9.25 The
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- last place in next week's final of the talent show.
- 7.30 Planet's Got Talent. Featuring a 7.30 Planets dun ratem. reacuming a man who jumps into paddling pools from incredible heights, a parrot that speaks fluent English, and one of the most dangerous acts ever seen on the show.

 8.05 Take Me Out L. Lifeguard Liam from Newcastle, barista Jonathon from Memorath beirdresee. Nick from Memorath beirdresee. Nick from Memorath beirdresee. Nick from Memorath beirdresee.
- Newcastle, barista Jonatron from Newport, hairdresser Nick from Pontefract and bagpiper Glenn from Glasgow all vie for the attentions of 30 single women, intent on capturing their interest and securing a date. However, first they must get the female participants to keep their lights on a seign of anyonal. Heef baddy. participants to keep them ingres on as a sign of approval. Host Paddy McGuinness monitors their progress and reviews the dating action from last week's couples on the Isle of Fernandos.
- the Isle of Fernandos.

 9.20 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host is joined by Stephen Fry, for his first TV interview since his wedding, former England cricket captain Andrew Flintoff and comedy actor Kevin Hart.

 10.20 ITV News; Weather.

 10.35 Film: Hard Target. (1993) An out-of-work merchant sailor

of-work merchant sailor investigates sadistic hunters who stalk human prey in New Orleans. John Woo's action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme.

12.20 Jackpot247. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.40 ITV

CHANNEL 4

6.05 Trans World Sport. 7.00 Cycling: Revolution Series. 7.55 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 10.30 Fraiser. (R) 11.00 Frasier. (R) 11.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.30 Child Genius. (R) 1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 5.30 The Simpsons. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. Bart ones to work

- Bang Theory. (R) 5.30 The Simpsons. (R)
 6.00 The Simpsons. Bart goes to work
 as a comedian in a burlesque
 theatre and proves a hit with its
 clientele until Marge turns up
 with an angry mob in tow and tries
 to demolish the place. (R)
 6.30 Channel 4 News.
 7.00 Our Guy in India. Guy Martin
 takes a 1,000-mile journey across
 India to compete in a race called
 Rider Mania, the world's largest
 gathering of Royal Enfield
 motorbikes. In the first of two
 programmes, the daredevil rides programmes, the daredevil rides with a 50-strong biker gang, visits Asia's biggest truck yard and finds himself completely out of his comfort zone. (R)
- The World's Weirdest Weather. In America, the waters of Lake Erie turn pea green, while a man in New Zealand finds eels swimming in his street after a sudden and violent downpour. A photographer captures rare images of a moustache cloud, New York City grinds to a halt as onlookers grinds to a nair as onlookers witness the beautiful sunset known as "Manhattanhenge", and in Hawaii, volcanic lava creates tornados of steam on the ocean surface. A terrifying mudslide roars through a sleepy Austrian village, while wind and rain carve ancient rocks into giant mushroom-like shapes in Egypt.
- mushroom-like shapes in Egypt. Film. American Reunion. (2012) Premiere. Jim Levenstein and his old friends return to their home town for a high-school reunion. Struck by how much their lives have changed, they set out to relive the sexual misadventures of their adolescence, but only end up making bigger fools of themselves than they did as teenagers. Comedy sequel, starring Jason Biggs and Alyson Hannigan.
- 11.15 Film: Panic Room. (2002) Thriller, with Jodie Foster. 1.20 Film: Earthquake. (1974) 3.25 Hollyoaks. (R) 5.25 A Place in the Sun:

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshakel 10.00 SpongeBob SquarePants, 10.35 Access, 10.40 Ice Road Truckers, (R) 11.40 Ice Road Truckers, (R) 11.40 Ice Road Truckers, (R) 12.35 Ice Road Truckers, (R) 12.55 Film: U-571, (2000) Second World War adventure, starring Matthew McConaughey 4.45 Film: Columbo: Murder in Malibu, (1990) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, 23.55 Film: McConaughey 4.45 Film: Columbo: Murder in Malibu, (1990) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, 23.55 Film: McConaughey 4.45 Film: Columbo: Murder in Malibu, (1990) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk, 23.55 Film: McConaughey 4.35 Film: Columbo: McConaughey 4.35 Film: McCo

- starring Peter Falk.
 6.35 5 News Weekend.
 6.40 NCIS. The team is called to a high school on a Marine base, where a pupil has taken his classmates hostage and is threatening to detonate a bomb strapped to his chest. Mark Harmon stars. (R)
- 7.25 NCIS. Gibbs is called to a frozen lake, where two children have discovered the body of a missing marine. The team searches the water for clues and finds three water for clues and finds firee more bullet-ridden corpses, all of which have tattoos linking them to a notorious street gang. The case then becomes a race against time to discover what connects the murders before the serviceman's comrades seek revenge. (R)
- murders betrote the serviceman's comrades seek revenge. (R)

 8.20 NCIS. Gibbs is assigned to examine the apparent sucide of a Pentagon cryptographer suspected of spying. The case is thrown into disarray by the discovery of evidence indicating another person was present at the time of death meaning the real mole may still be on the loose and has already killed at least once. Crime drama, with Mark Harmon and David McCallum. (R)

 9.20 NCIS. A suspect dies while being restained by Ziva. who finds herself accused of using undue force and becomes the subject of an internal investigation. Drama, starring Gote de Pablo. (R)

 10.15 CSI: Crime Scene investigation.
- 10.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
 The team works with the CDC to contain a deadly outbreak in Las Vegas when Sara and Greg are quarantined after responding to a crime scene contaminated with a lethal virus.
- 11.10 Law & Order. A pregnant security 11.10 Law & Order. A pregnant security
 guard is injured when a package
 explodes at a scientific research
 lab, prompting Green and Lupo to
 look at a chemist's latest
 experiments.

 12.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 10,000 BC. (R)
 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big.
 (R) 5.15 Angles of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary
 the Racing Car. (R)

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7.00 Creat Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Film: Butterfly on a Wheel (2007) 10.30 Russell Howard's Good News 11.00 Family Guy 2.00 Crims 2.30 South Side Story 3.00 Russell Howard's Good News 3.30 Sweat the Small Stuff 4.00 Close

BBC Four

7.00 Yellowstone: Unnatural Histories 8.00 7.00 reliowstorie. Official misches 3-00 Spiral 10.50 Charlie Brooker's Weekly Wipe 11.20 Queen: Days of Our Lives 1.20 Top of the Pops: 1980 2.00 Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities 3.00 Sounds of the 70s 3.30 Close

11.15 The Cube: Celebrity Special 12.15 Film: Honey (2003) 2.10 Film: Small Soldiers (1998) 4.20 You've Been Framed: Kids Special 5.20 Film: Rumor Has It (2005) Kids Special 5.20 Film: Humor Has it (2005) 7.25 Film: Stormbreaker (2006) 9.20 Take Me Out - The Gossip 10.05 Reality Bites 10.50 The Keith Lemon Sketch Show 11.20 Film: Death Race (2008) 1.25 Fake Reaction 2.05 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 2.50 Teleshopping 5.50 ITV2 Nightscreen

11.50 A Touch of Frost 2.00 Wycliffe 3.05 Film: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) 5.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Doc Martin 8.00 Foyle's War 10.00 Lewis 12.05 A Touch of Frost 2.05 Judge Judy 2.30 Teleshopping

ITV4 11.00 Hogan's Heroes 12.40 The Car Chasers 2.30 Counting Cars 3.25 Pawn Stars 5.10 Storage Wars 6.10 Storage Wars. Texas 7.10 Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) 9.00 Film: Lethal Weapon 4 (1998) 11.30 Film: Monty Python's The Meaning of Life (1983) 1.40 The Motorbike Show 2.30 Hogan's Heroes 2.55 TiV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping F4

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11.00 Taking New York: Sneak Peek 11.35 2
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Joer 2.00 Hev Wide Your Methor 3.00 Troy
4.00 The Jump 5.00 The Jump: On the Piste
5.35 The 100 6.30 The Big Bang Theory 9.00
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11.40 The Inbetweeners 12.50 How I Met
Your Mother 1.50 The Cleveland Show 3.05
Don't Trust the B *** in Apartment 23 3.50
The New Normal 4.10 Desperate Housewives
4.55 My Fair Wedding
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Till 1.00 On the Fiddle (1961) 1.00 27 Dresses (2008) 3.25 The Wind Rises (2013) 6.10 Transformers (2007) 9.00 Hanna (2011) 11.10 Don't Be Afrail of the Dark (2010) 1.15 Snake in the Eagle's Shadow (1978) 3.25

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Guy Martin

Our Guy in India (Channel 4, 9pm)

Grimsby has suddenly made it onto the media map. Strictly Come Dancing's Kevin and Joanne Clifton hail from there, and so does the star of this series, biker Guy Martin. Last week's edition saw him set off on a 1,000-mile trip across India on his Royal Enfield motorcycle, and he continues the journey here by calling in Mumbai. He visits a slum which changes his perception of what such a place is like before sampling the refreshing sensation of monsoon season. Guy makes the final leg of his journey on a traditional trawler en route to Goa, but ignores the resort's famous beaches and heads straight for his ultimate goal – Rider Mania, which has the largest gathering of Royal Enfields on

BBC₁

6.00 Breakfast. 7.30 Match of the Day.
(R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00
The Big Questions. 11.00 Sunday.
Politics. 12.15 MOTD2 Extra. With Mark
Chapman and the Match of the Day
team. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.15
Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Escape to the
Country. (R) 3.00 Eat Well for Less? (R)
4.00 Your Home in Their Hands. 5.00
Songs of Praise. 5.35 BBC News;
Regional News; Weather.
6.00 Animals in Love. Part Iyo of two

- Regional News; Weather.

 6.00 Animals in Love. Part two of two. How animals attract a mate, from female capuchin monkeys firiting with the alpha male to the oranguan that chooses its partner in a very 21st-century was partner in a very 21st-century was considered in Leicestershire and Rutland, revealing how farmers and volunteers are trying to encourage them back onto the land and restore their habitat. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

 8.00 Call the Mildwife. Sister Winifired
- Call the Midwife. Sister Winifred makes it her mission to promote safe sex among the local prostitute population. Sister Monica Joan feels sidelined, while Trixie and Tom argue over their
- 9.00 The British Academy Film Awards. Stephen Fry hosts the Bafta ceremony live from the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden, as stars of the silver screen gather to pat one another on the back in a celebration of the on the back in a celebration of the past 12 months' cinematic achievements, while the nominated ones keep their fingers crossed that they won't be going home empty-handed. Birdman, Boyhood, The Grand Budapest Boyhood, The Grand Budapest Hotel, The Imitation Game and The Theory of Everything compete for best film, while the leading actor categories see Benedict Cumberbatch, Eddie Redmayne, Ralph Fiennes, Felicity Jones and Rosamund Pike flying the flag for Britain. However, they face stiff competition from Jake Gyllenthaal, Michael Keaton, Amy Adams, Julianne Moore and Reese Witherspone.
- 11.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather
- 11.30 The Apprentice USA. The celebrity candidates have to create a promotional display for a famous brand of suntan lotion.
- 12.50 Weather for the Week Ahead.

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6.20 Great British Garden Revival. (R)
7.20 Glorious Gardens from Above. (R)
8.95 Countryfile. (R) 9.00 The Football
League Show. (R) 10.20 Six Nations
Revind. 11.20 Saturday Kitchen Best
Bites. 12.50 James Martin: Home
Comforts. (R) 1.20 Food & Drink. (R)
1.50 Film: The Mouse That Roared.
(1959) Comedy, starring Peter Sellers.
3.15 Open All Hours. (R) 3.45 To the
Manor Born. (R) 4.15 H-de-Hil (R) 4.45
Flog It! Trade Secrets. 5.15 Alaska —
Earth's Frozen Kingdom. (R)
6.15 Ski Sunday. Graham Bell and Ed
Leigh present from the alpine

- Leigh present from the alpine skiing World Championships in Vail/Beaver Creek, Colorado, featuring the men's and women's downhill races.
- 7.00 The Motorway: Life in the Fast Lane. Documentary series charting life on the M6, one of the busiest stretches of motorway in Britain, following the teams preparing for one of the stormiest winters on record. Initially set up in answer to a January 2003 snowstorm that left drivers stranded in their cars for up to 18 hours, these teams have been preparing for snow and ice but now find themselves facing the stormiest winter in more than 40 years. It's all hands on deck if the Highways Agency is to save its Highways Agency is to save its reputation. (R)

 8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson,
- Richard Hammond and James May attempt to improve the ambulance, with each enhancing the one area they think could do with an overhaul.
- with an overhaul.

 9.00 Dragons' Den. Ideas pitched include an idea for giving high heels a new lease of life, ecofiendly coffins, a sleek new take on the electric toothbrush and an online shopping service for men.

 10.00 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman introduces the latest Premier League matches, featuring West Ham United v Manchester United, Burnley v West Bromwich Albion and West Bromwich Albion and Newcastle United v Stoke City.
- 11.15 Film: Disconnect. (2012) The 11.15 Film: Disconnect. (2012) The complex lives of several strangers are made far more problematic by the technology they use to communicate. Ensemble drama, starring Jason Bateman.

 1.05 Film: Savage Grace. (2007) 2.30 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 3.25 Holby
- Sign Zone: Countryfile. (n) 3.2 City. (R) 4.25 This Is BBC Two.

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- 0.40 IIV News; weatner.
 7.00 Get Your Act Together. Steps singer Claire Richards is mentored by fire-eating act the Black Fire Girls, former politician Ann Widdecombe joins circus; ingmaster Norman Barrett, oneringmaster Norman Barrett, one-time Cornation Street star Oliver Mellor (Or Matt Carter) is coached by musical quintet the Bottle Boys, TOWIE'S Elliott Wright teams up with Cyr wheel performer Billy George, and TV personality Nancy Dell'Olio Collaborates with illusionist Hans Klok. Host Stephen Mulhern follows the rehearsals leading up to the contestants' big performances as they compete for a place in the final in two weeks' time.
- 8.15 All Star Family Fortunes Benidorm actress Crissy Rock (Janey) and Ian "H" Watkins from Steps team up with their families in an attempt to win a jackpot of £30,000 for charity.
- 9.00 Mr Selfridge. Harry pushes ahead with plans for the Selfridge Estate, aiming to buy a field at auction, but an unexpected rival bidder poses a threat. Miss Mardle makes her mark in fashion. 10.00 ITV News; Weather.
- 10.15 Perspectives: Lenny Henry Finding Shakespeare. The comedian charts his changing relationship with the Bard, from finding his works boring as a child to starring in productions of Othello and The Comedy of Errors. (R)
- 11.15 LV= Cup Rugby Union.
- 12.15 The Store. 2.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) 3.15 ITV Nightscreen.

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6.20 NFL: Rush Zone. 6.45 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch. 12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast. (R) 1.30 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.20 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.25 The Big Bang Theory. (R) 2.55 The Simpsons. (R) 3.25 Film: Marmaduke. (S) 3.25 Film: Marmaduke. (S) 3.25 Film: Marmaduke. (2002) Animated adventure. with the voice of John Leguizamo.

7.00 The Jump. Davina McCall presents the semi-final, as the six remaining celebrittes complete in high-speed, head-to-head

- snowboarding races negotiating the steep banks of a slalom tunnel Concludes tomorrow at 8pm
- The Hotel. Mark wants to make the Cavendish more child-friendly and asks general manager James to take charge of a family fun day, hoping the task will make him more decisive in his role.
- more decisive in his role.

 9.00 Our Guy in India. Part two of two. Guy Martin visits Mumbai, where more skyscrapers are being built than anywhere else in the world, and clambers. 833ft to the top of India's tallest building, the Imperial. Back on ground level, the daredevil visits a slum where a million people live in the space of one square mile, before experiencing a downnour. in the space of the square films before experiencing a downpour on his Royal Enfield with the arrival of the monsoons. To avoid slow-moving and dangerous roads, he makes the final leg of his 1,000-mile journey by sea, on his way to compete in Rider Mania.
- 10.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Does 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson are joined by Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer, while Jack Whitehall is in Dictionary Corner with Susie
- Dent, Jimmy Carr hosts. (R) 11.05 Film: Patriot Games. (1992) A former CIA agent prevents an normer on agent prevents an assassination attempt by an IRA splinter group, but one of the terrorists swears revenge on him. Thriller, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Bean.
- 1.10 The Last Leg. (R) 2.05 Come Dine with Me. (R) 4.10 Kirstie's Best of Both Worlds. (R) 5.05 A Place in the Sun:

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6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Pip Ahoyl (R) 6.40 The Mr Men Show. (R) 6.55 Chole's Closet. 7.10 Oily the Little White Van. 7.15 Bannas in Pyjamas. (R) 7.30 Make Way for Noddy. (R) 7.40 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.55 Little Princess. (R) 6.30 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corty. (R) 8.20 Wanda and the Alien. 8.30 Zack and Quack. (R) 8.40 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.55 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.10 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 9.25 LazyTown. (R) 9.55 SpongeBob SquareParts. 10.30 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) 11.25 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) 11.26 Robson's Extreme Fishing Challenge. (R) 11.26 Pilm: the Could Happen to Vou. (1994) Romantic comedy, with Nicolas Cage and Bridget Proda. 3.15 Pilm: Ver Her Dead Body. (2005) Supernatural romantic comedy. (2005) Supernatural romantic comedy. (2012) Comedy drama, starring Canterio Diaz. 6.55 Film: Miss Congeniality 2. Armed and Entheure (2015). St. Armed (2015).

- Comedy orama, starring Cameron Diaz.

 6.55 Film: Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous. (2005) FBI agent Gracie Hart is taken of factive duty and made the face of the bureau's publicity campaign, but would rather catch crooks than be the focus of media attention so when her friends are kidnapped. she disobeys orders to run her own undercover investigation with the help of a short-tempered colleague. Comedy sequel, starring Sandra Bullock.
- starring Sandra Búllock.

 Film: The Bounty Hunter. (2010)

 Premiere. A bail enforcement agent is assigned the task of tracking down his own ex-wife, a willy reporter chasing a story about a murder cover-up. However, bringing his former spouse to justice is harder than he anticipated, not least because she has also heep targeted by the has also been targeted by the criminal she is investigating.
 Action comedy, starring Gerard Butler and Jennifer Aniston.
- 11.20 Film: Zack and Miri Make a
 Porno. (2008) Two friends decide
 to shoot a porn film, but find
 having sex for the cameras makes
 them rethink their feelings for
- ulern reunink their feelings for each other. Comedy, starring Seth Rogen and Elizabeth Banks. 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 10 Most Annoying Things About 1999. (R) 4.00 House Doctor. (R) 4.25 Make It Big. (R) 5.15 Angels of Jarm. (R) 5.40 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes 7.10 The
Voice UK 8.30 The British Academy Film
Awards: Red Carpet 9.00 Backchat with Jack
Whitehall and His Dad 9.30 Russell Howard's
Good News 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 Crims
11.15 American Dad 11.13 Family Guy
12.00 Backchat with Jack Whitehall and His
Dad 12.30 South Side Story 1.00 Bangkok
Airport 1.55 Abortion: Ireland's Guilty Secret?
2.55 Bangkok Airport 3.50 Uces
BBC Four
7.00 The Great War 7.40 Defaults Ward 1.50 Creates Value 1.50 Cr

BBC Four 7.00 The Great War 7.40 Britain's Wild Places 8.00 Mark Lawson Talks to Celia Imrie 9.00 Horizon: Why Can't We Predict Earthquakes? 10.00 The Sky 41 Night 10.30 Kings of 70s Romance 11.30 Genesis: Together & Apart 1.00 Genesis: Three Sides Live 2.25 TOTP2: Genesis 3.10 The Sky at Night 3.40 Close 11.30 Deirdre and Me: A Tribute 12.00 Take

Me Out 1.15 Take Me Out - The Gossip 2.00 Scorpion 2.55 Film: Rumor Has It (2005) 4.55 Film: Despicable Me (2010) 6.50 Film: She's the Man (2006) 9.00 The biza Weekender 10.00 The Keith Lemon Sketch Show 10.30 Film: Little Man (2006) 12.25 Film: I Nov Pronounce You Chuck & Larry (2007)

1133 Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide 1.49 Rosemary & Thyme 2.40 Agatha Christie's Marple 4.40 Inspector Morser 7.00 Lewis 9.00 The Best of the Royal Variety 10.00 Northern Lights 11.05 Wycliffe 12.10 Film: The Breaktast Club (1985) 2.05 Countrywise Kitchen 2.55 On the Buses 3.20 1173 Nightscreen 3.40 Emmerdale

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2.15 Film: Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) 4.40
Film: Police Academy 2: Their First
Assignment (1995) 6.30 Africa Cup of
Nations Live. The final (Kick-off 7.00pm),
9.30 Storage Wars 10.00 Film: Poriven to Kill
(2009) 12.00 River Monsters: Untold Stories
1.00 Hell on Wheels 1.55 The Cycle Show
2.55 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping
F4

E4
12. 30 Revenge 1.30 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 2.30 The 100 3.30 Melissa & Joey 4.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 5.00 Marry Me 5.30 The Big Bang Theory 6.30 The Jump: On the Piste 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: Mission: Impossible (1996) 1.01 On In Inbetweeners 11.15 The Big Bang Theory 12.20 2 Broke Girls 12.45 Rules of Engagement 1.45 The New Normal Film4

Film4
11.00 A Man Alone (1955) 1.00 Ice Age:
Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) 2.45 Addams
Family Values (1993) 4.35 Three Men and a
Baby (1987) 6.45 The Company Men (2010)
9.00 Paul (2011) 11.05 Fitzcarraido (1982)
2.15 The Punk Singer (2013) 4.00 Close

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16 Blocks, Channel 5, 11pm

criminal to court to testify against a group of corrupt policemen – but what seems to be a routine assignment quickly turns into a deadly game of cat and mouse as the crooked officers try to stop them reaching the courthouse alive. Thriller, starring Bruce Willis. (2006)

The Disappearance of Alice Creed, BBC1, 12.30am Two criminals kidnap the daughter of a wealthy family. with the intention of demanding a ransom. However, the hostage is not the helpless victim she appears, while she and both her captors have secrets that threaten to throw the plan into disorder. Thriller, with Gemma Arterton, Eddie Marsan and Martin Compston, (2009).

Carry On Loving, ITV, 11.10pm

A couple who run a dating agency find themselves inundated with customers, and end up arranging a selection of very unlikely matches – while also contending with their own marital difficulties. Comedy



Dawn of the Dead, BBC1, 12.45am

Four people take refuge in a shopping mall from a horde of flesh-eating zombies, clearing out the ghouls already in residence and battening down the hatches. However, their new home is not as secure as they had hoped, and the beleaguered survivors are soon plunged into increasingly grisly battles with their undead foes. George A Romero's horror sequel, starring David Emge, Ken Foree and Gaylen Ross. (1978)

Gosford Park, ITV, 10,40pm

A weekend shooting party at a country estate is disrupted by a murder. As the numerous guests deal with their own personal agendas, their actions are quietly observed by their servants, notably an inquisitive maid, who drink in the scandalous gossip while maintaining their own strict social hierarchy. Robert Altman's period drama, starring Maggie Smith. (2001)

Tron: Legacy, BBC2, 11.05pm

A man searching for his father is sucked into a computer-generated world and must compete in gladiatorial combat. Sci-fi adventure, starring Jeff Bridges and Garrett Hedlund. (2010)

PICK OF THE WEEK

The stars shine brightly on a glittering occasion

ward shows are sycophantic and ten a penny. So why-ohwhy do we find ourselves
continually drawn to the predictable
run of well-reharsed accolades, TV
clips, a conveyor belt of celebrity
guests droning", and the winner is..."
and half-hearted applause which get
weaker as the evening draws on? weaker as the evening draws on?

The answer is, quite simply, because they're addictive. From the moment you dare to mutter, "Let's just watch this bit..." you're hooked, unable to tear yourself away from "just one more" clip or the next star guest in case you miss a vital snippet of gossip which will be the talk of the town by the morning.

town by the morning.
So, which films and their stars will be hitting the headlines on Monday? It's highly likely that The Grand Budapest Hole, Birdman and The Theory of Everything will dominate the ceremony – The Grand Budapest Hotel leads the way with 11 nominations, while the other two trail not very far behind with 10 each.

But the likes of The Imitation Game. Boyhood, Whiplash, Nightcrawler and homegrown favourites Mr Turner and Pride have the potential to cause a

It's a big night for host Stephen Fry too – this will be the 10th time he's presented the event, which takes place once again at London's Royal Opera House in Covent Garden.

"Hosting the Film Awards has always been a highlight of my year," says Fry. "The opportunity to help the Academy promote filmmaking and encourage cinema-going means a lot to me.

"I've met many heroes and had the honour of introducing many young talents that are now busy forging remarkable careers for themselves. Seeing the photos from each year back I can chart my bewildering changes in weight too...

changes in weight too...
"Hard as it may be for some characteristically sceptical Brirols obleieve, the Baffas have real kudos, reputation and cachet all over the world of film-making," he adds. "I, old as I am, never cease to be shamelessly glamorised by the sight of so many legendary names who come every wear as promines and come every year as nominees and presenters."

Everyone at the BBC will be smiling on the night too – its film division is assured of at least one gong, having been given the Outstanding Contribution to British Cinema award.

"I cannot think of a more deserving institution for this award than BBC Films, unbelievably in its 25th year and with more than 250 predominantly British films in its catalogue," explains Nick Powell, chairman of Bafta's film committee.

"With a wide range of films from "With a wide range of films from populist British box office hits like Billy Elliot and Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie and an enviable collection of ground-breaking films, I hope that this award will be not simply a recognition of past and present achievements but also an affirmation of why BBC Films is so important for the film industry both here in the UK and further afield. Here's to the next 25 years."

Too right – with a great track record to date, we get the feeling this won't be the last award BBC Films wins. In fact, expect its staff to get not just a pat on the back at this ceremony, but at many more similar events for decades to come.



Stephen Fry hosts, The British Academy Film Awards, Sunday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

Heston's Recipe for Romance Channel 4, 9pm

Every year, around 16 million couples in the UK celebrate Valentine's Day with a romantic meal, but is there really a connection between food and love? In this one-off special, Heston Blumenthal joins forces with a team of scientists and psychologists to put together a menu they hope will affect how people feel about each other. Five couples at different stages of their relationships are invited to a dinner that includes chocolate in every course, plus a 'Cupid's cocktail,' featuring a scent designed to trigger a romantic memory.

TUESDAY

The Secret Life of Four-Year-Olds Channel 4, 8pm

Documentary exploring the world of 10 four-yearolds as they meet in a nursery rigged with cameras that capture every glance, whisper, tussle and emotion. With their parents watching on monitors. the children encounter one another for the first time in October and then again in May. Overseeing the action are two experts – educational neuroscientist Paul Howard-Jones and developmental psychologist Sam Wass - as the youngsters make and break friendships, and find their place in this new social group.

The Gift BBC1, 9pm

New series. Mel Giedroyc and Matt Baker meet people who would like to find someone after many years so they can say thank you or sorry. In 1987, soldier Patrick Provis was left fighting for his life after being hit by an IRA mortar. An Army helicopter crew flew in to rescue him – and Patrick cannot rest until he has thanked the person who

took the decision to save him. Grace Bates has spent almost 60 years wanting to apologise to Herman, the first man she ever loved. They met as teenagers in the 1950s, but a terrible mistake by Grace left Herman heartbroken.

WEDNESDAY

The Great Comic Relief Bake Off BBC1, 8pm Forget the fact that more than 13

million people tuned into last year's final - if you want proof that The Great British Bake Off is a genuine hit, just look at the calibre of stars turning out for this, the first of four celebrity charity edition. Sue Perkins (Mel is otherwise engaged) is on esenting duties as Joanna Lumley, Jennifer Saunders,

Lulu, and Dame Edna Everage pick up their bowls and get whisking. But while we may be impressed to see these four entertainment legends together in one tent, Paul Hollywood and Mary Berry will be judging them purely on their baking ability, as they mpt to make a giant cookie or biscuit, 12 mini fruit tarts, and a tiered chocolate cake inspired by a memorable occasion.

> THURSDAY The Mentalist

Channel 5, 10pm New series. Return of the crime drama about a consultant working for the California Bureau of Investigation, Lisbon asks Jane not to tell their

colleagues about their new relationship yet, as she only recently broke up with Agent Pike. They return to the CBI offices to find that Emily Swallow has left for Seattle and has been replaced by Quantico rookie

Michelle Vega while of more

immediate concern is a case involving the murder of an FBI agent who had been investigating a gun runner. Simon Baker and Robin Tunney star.

Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant

It seems difficult to imagine in this day and age, what with roads and trains being so reliable, but once upon a time Britain relied upon its canal network to keep its industry ticking over. Nowadays, of course, the waterways tend to be more of a lifestyle choice for those who live on them, as opposed to a necessity, and the picturesque scenery plays host to a vibrant community of like-minded people. In this new eight part series, broadcaster John travels the length and breadth of the nation's canals as he meets some of the unique people who call them home.

He begins at the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, which at 127 miles is the country's longest, and enjoys the view as he crosses the Pennines.

NCIS: New Orleans Channel 5, 9pm

New feature-length episode introducing the new NCIS spin-off, Gibbs heads to Louisiana to help an old friend track down a killer. Mark Harmon and Scott Bakula star.



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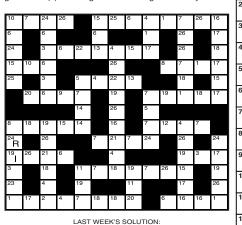
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 1. Their manipulations
- won't be right (4-7) 9. See 15 Across
- 10. A base for one who is forging (5)
- 11. Little room of classical associations (5)
- 12. Nun gets disturbed by weapon (4-3)
- 13. You'll find me in the way, as the wanderer did (6)
- 15 & 9Ac. Tools used by toboggan manufacturers? (6-7)
- 18. This presents any escape from a bottle-neck (7)
- 20. It's a piece of simple attire (5)
- 22. Trees that may be scattered to the winds? (5)
- 23. Substitute on his feet endlessly (5-2)
- 24. Liberated retainers who own land (11)

Down

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both

- 2. The ant is back in the stem, methinks
- (5)
 3. Mulled claret with the last of the wine is sweet stuff (7)
- 4. Provide aid for a vessel before it's wrecked (6)
- 5. Bird, the famous sailor (5)
- 6. Stormed around Virginia and did some pillaging (7)
 7. It's occupied by the
- stall-holder (7,4) 8. Secret tribe to appoint to a certain state (11)
- 14. An Old Testament female a different one (7) 16. Friend returns to
- touch down in the far north (7) 17. Put the others in the
- Post Office quickly 19. Some cheap stones here if you want to make some dough (5)
- 21. Tree of greater age (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

- 1. Abbreviation (11) 9. Edible (7)
- 10. At no time (5)
- 11. Eat away (5)
- **12.** Sure (7)
- 13. Save (6)
- 15. Cling (6)
- 18. Representative (7)
- 20. Of towns (5)
- 22. Smell (5)
- 23. Beginning (7)
- 24. Unrelenting (11)

Down

- 2. Excel (5)
- 3. Vivid representation (7)
- 4. Medium (6)
- 5. Singer (5)
- 6. Preclude (7)
- 7. Insight (11) 8. Inebriation (11)
- 14. Fancy (7)
- 16. Daily (7)
- 17. Lines up (6)
- 19. Freight (5)
- 21. Foundation (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits

SOLUTIONS >									
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LAST WEEK'S

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Toy-shops; 5 Idol; 9 Flea;
10 In camera; 11 Seals; 12 Oversee; 13 Slow
punctures; 18 Artistry; 19 Rued; 20 Pimpled; 21
Agate; 22 Ring; 23 Bedstraw. Down: 2 Oil-wel;
3 Swallow; 4 Pontoon-bridge; 6 Dresser; 7
Leaders; 8 Talent; 13 Scamper; 14 Ottoman; 15
Pestle; 16 Upright; 17 Electra. QUICK - Across:
1 Jettison; 5 Stem; 9 Wand; 10 Addition; 11 Tutor, 12 Include; 13 Senselessness; 18 Antidote;
19 Seek; 20 Liberal; 21 Train; 22 Whet; 23
Assemble. Down: 2 Erasure; 3 Tedious; 4 Old
wives' tales; 6 Tribute; 7 Manners; 8 Discus; 13
Shallow; 14 Notable; 15 Endure; 16 Nostrum;
17 Specila.

Quiz

- Which film star was born Margarita Carmen Cansino?
- Of which autonomous Spanish region is Pamplona capital?

- Of what nationality was Errol Flynn?
- At which racecourse is the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe run?
- Who, in the Old Testament, fashioned the Golden Calf?
- Pennsylvania was originally established as a refuge for which religious sect?
- Which Gospel author is patron saint of
- Which pipe-making material is also called sepiolite?
- In which US state is Fort Knox?

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10. How are artists Proesch and Passmore better known?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 The old London Bridge; 2 Glasgow;

3 A bird: 4 Hallev's Comet: 5 Bob Fosse: 6

Iceland; 7 Brian Redhead; 8 All Saints' Day;

9 Sugar Ray Leonard; 10 Robert Kennedy.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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Steve Schwarz, branch manager at Butters

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- Modern End Mews Property Stunning Accommodation Three Story, Well Presented Dining Kitchen
- Four BedroomsEnsuite & BathroomGarage At RearGardens Open Aspect

£209,950















Offers Over £159,950

- Detached Family Home
 Improved to a High Standard
 Three Bedrooms

- Carport & Garage
 Landscaped Garden
 Gas C/H & Double Glazed
 - No Upward Chain
- Extended Four Bed
 Lounge & Sitting Room
 Kitchen & Dining Room
 Conservatory and Utility

£155,000

- Energy Rating D
 Downstairs Shower Room
 - Upstairs Bathroom
 Cul-de-sac Location

- Immaculate Semi Detached House Popular Location, Conservatory
- Lounge/Diner Re-fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
 Luxury Bathroom
 Viewing Imperative
 No Upward Chain
- £150,000

















- Popular Cul-de-Sac
- Enclosed Rear Garden
 Generous Lounge
 Kitchen/Diner
 Close to Hednesford Town
- Three Bedrooms Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen Large Rear Garden
- - Gas Central Heating
 Majority Double Glazing
 Driveway
 Viewing Advised

 Three Bedrooms
 Upstairs Bathroom Large Rear Garder
 No Upward Chain



- Very Well Presented Modern Home Townhouse Stylish Kitchen / Diner Living Room

End Terraced
Two Bedrooms
Upstairs Bathroom
Ideal FTB or Investment

- - Three Bedrooms
 Modern Bathroom
 Enclosed Rear Garden
 Two Allocated Parking Spaces

£120,000





Spacious Traditional Terrace House Large Kitchen Town Centre Location Lounge, Dining Room & Cellar









Landscaped Garden & Aspect
 Gas C/H, Alarm, Dble Glazed
 No Chain Involved
 Early Viewing Advised













£99.950

- Traditional Semi Two Bedrooms Two Reception Room Extended Kitchen
- Upstairs BathroomLarge Rear GardenOn Road ParkingNo Chain Involved
- Improved Semi Detached Re-fitted Kitchen/Bathroom Lounge & Dining Room Ideal First Time Buy
- Two Double Bedrooms
 Large Rear Garden
 Fantastic Price
 No Upward Chain
- Modern Style Apartment Ground Floor Well Proportioned Rooms Double Bedroom
 - Re-fitted KitchenLuxury Shower RoomCommunal ParkingLeasehold
 - £64.950

Offers Over £90,000

Marwood







- Executive Detached Home
 Five Bedrooms
 Lounge With Bay Window
 Modern First Street
- Very Well Presented
 - Garden with Private Aspect
 Viewing Import: Viewing Imperative



£229,950

£169,950



- LAST ONE REMAINING Fully Fitted KitchenShower Room, Bathroom, En-suite
- Individual High Specification
 Charming & Highly Desirable Property
 Lounge & Dining Room
 - Three BedroomsOff Road Parking





- Detached Family Home
- Popular Developi
- Popular Development Well Proportioned Living Space
- Four BedroomsEn-suite & Bathroom
- Detached Garage & Parking
 No Upward Chain

£215,000



- Impressive Detached New Build Close to Hednesford Town Centre Lounge/Diner & Downstairs WC Stunning Kitchen
- Four BedroomsGarage At RearEn-suite & BathroomNo Chain Involved

Semi Detached Family Home Renovated to High Standard Generous Living Space Three Double Bedrooms





- Traditional Detached Three Bedrooms Lounge/Dinner Family Bathroom

- - Kitchen/Utility
 Close To Cannock Town
 Generous Back Garden
 No Chain Involved

£165,000



- Front Facing Lounge
- Three Bed Semi Large Corner Plot Kitchen/Diner
- - Garage & Drive
 Gas Central Heating
 - Double Glazing
 No Chain Involved



£129,950

- Traditional Semi-Detached Improved to a High Standard
- Improved to a High Three Bedrooms Driveway & Garage

Enclosed Rear GardenAmple Off Road ParkingNo Upward Chain Viewing Imperative

- Gas HeatingDouble GlazedIdeal First Time Buy
- Generous Landscaped Garden Gas Heating

- Three Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge Lounge & Dining Room Kitchen



- Gas Heating System
 No Chain Involved
- Garage At RearBacking Onto Fields

£139,950

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www.marwoodhomes.com/fees



- Workshop, Walsall Roa
 Storage Space / Worksh
- Town Location
- Parking & Excellent Access
- Convenient Location £300pcm



- Canon Lane, Rug(

 Brand new three story property
 Lounge overlooking rear garden
 Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
 Four bedrooms (master with en-suite)
 Good size rear garden
 Carnen and driveway



- Garage and driveway
 F795.00pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets



- Stanford Lane,
 Immaculate detached family ho
 Modern re-fitted kitchen
 Large lounge and dining room
 Three hadrooms
- Three bedrooms
 Contemporary Re-fitted Bathroom
 Gront and ear gardans
 F775.00pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets



- Modern fitted kitchen
- Three double bedrooms
- driveway and garage
 750.00pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets.



- Church Lane, Hard Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms Garage and Ample Parking
- Spacious Lounge £675pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets







- Traditional semi detached House Two reception rooms
- Two bedrooms Off road parking
- £525pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets



- One Bed Apartmen
 Open Plan Kitchen
 Fully Furnished

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£670pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets



- Open pland kitchen and lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Double glazing & gas central heating Allocated parking £475pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets





- > Good size lounge
- Fully fitted kitchen with cooker Bathroom with shower over bath
- > Re-decorated throughout £435pcm Sorry no DSS and no pets





Traditional-style semi has an extended kitchen



Avenue, Walsall lies in a private culde-sac location and has an extended kitchen.

It is for sale through Paul Dubberlev at

It has an entrance hall with stairs off, a dining area with sliding doors to the rear garden and an archway to the lounge with a bay window and open fireplace, a kitchen with tiled flooring and white contemporary units, with contrasting wood-effect working surfaces, extractor over oven/hob and concealed dishwasher, side lobby, three bedrooms and a bathroom, driveway and

gardens.
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Spacious detached with country views

THIS spacious detached property in Valerian Drive, Stafford has four good-sized bedrooms and is presented to showhome stand-

ards.

Also with countryside views, it is for sale through Goodchilds at £209,950.

Pleasantly positioned on a corner plot with a double width driveway, it has a spacious lounge, a stunning contemporary kitchen/diner with light wood and cream effect units and a spacious dining area with French doors out to the rear garden, a utility room, downstairs WC, four bedrooms, a smart bathroom, a garage and enclosed rear garden.

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PROPERTY

Commercial Feature

New portal opens for househunters

fordshire agents are proud to announce that they will be featuring all of the properties available at OnTheMarket. com, a new prop-erty website which launched on Monday,

January 26.
A direct competitor to Rightmove and Zoopla, OnTheMarket.com is a mutual organisation fo-cused on providing an outstanding service for property searchers, es-tate and letting agents, vendors and landlords. The venture has the

support of more than 4,600 estate and lettings agency branches nationwide, including those of leading national, regional and local firms.

Unique

OnTheMarket.com expecting many more to join in the coming weeks after they have seen the website.

Estate and letting agents who have joined have moved hundreds of thousands of properties to OnTheMarket.com from other websites to create a unique set of listings which cannot be found which cannot be found elsewhere.

In addition, many are

choosing to launch their properties exclusively there first, at least 48 hours in advance of the other portals.

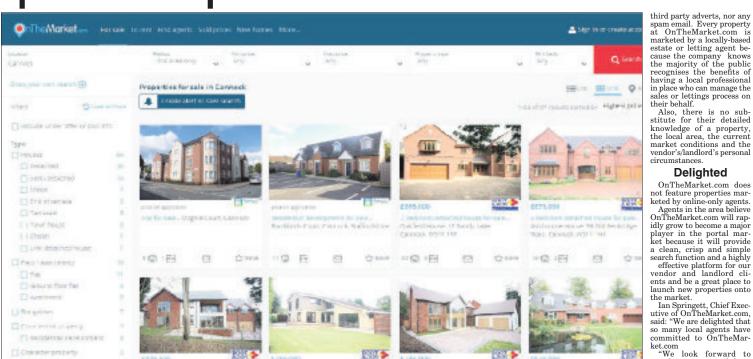
Neither Rightmove nor Zoopla can now claim their property listings cover the entire market because the best platform to show-

on The Market.com does not feature properties mar-keted by online-only agents. Agents in the area believe On The Market.com will rap-idly grow to become a major player in the portal mar-ket because it will provide a clean, crisp and simple search function and a highly effective platform for our vendor and landlord cli-ents and be a great place to

Delighted OnTheMarket.com does

ents and be a great place to launch new properties onto the market. Ian Springett, Chief Exec-utive of On TheMarket.com, said: "We are delighted that so many local agents have committed to OnTheMar-ket.com ket.com "We look forward to

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ocated In Much Sought After Residential Area
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◆ Enclosed porch and ◆ Built on garage and

- Lounge and dining
- - Gas fired central
- kitchen
- Ensuite shower room
- Refitted family
- ♦ EPC rating E (41)

◆ Fully double glazed

£349.950 FREEHOLD

OAKFIELD HOUSE, 17 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK



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- impressive central hall and landing
- ♦ 7 bedrooms
- 3 reception rooms and double glazed
 - ◆ Double width integra garage
- conservatory
- Fitted breakfast
 - Fully double glazed
- kitchen
- £895,000 FREEHOLD

6 CHESLYN DRIVE, CHESLYN HAY.



- ♦ Oil fired central heating & fully **£150,000 FREEHOLD** (61)

25 EASTGATE, RAWNSLEY



- ◆ Gardens
- ♦ Fully double glazed ◆ Bathroom

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£120,000 FREEHOLD

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STANDEFORD COTTAGE. OLD STAFFORD ROAD, SLADE HEATH



CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED COTTAGE OF CHARACTER Located in Rural Position with Grounds Extending to ?? Of an Acre Within Easy Reach of Facilities at Coven and Convenient for Access to Wolverhampton

- ◆ Cloakroom with WC
- Detached double Lounge and dining
- width garage
- Breakfast kitche
- and utility
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted en-suite
- parking ◆ EPC rating D (61)

£365,000 FREEHOLD

HERON HOUSE

3 HEATHFIELD CROFT, CANNOCK, WS11 1RG



INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED IN PRIME SHOAL HILL AREA OF THE TOWN

EPC Rating 72

PRICE - £465,000 **FREEHOLD**









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- **& Utility Room**
- ♦Galleried Landing
- **♦Six Bedrooms**
- ♦5 En-Suites
- ♦Integral Double Width Garage
- ♦South Facing Rear Garden **&Gas Central Heating**
- **&Fully Double Glazed**
- **&Intruder Alarm**
- **&EPC Rating 86**
- **♦10 Year NHBC Warranty**

PRICE: £875,000 FREEHOLD





56 ALDERLEY CRESCENT, WALSALL



- Two bedrooms
- ◆ EPC rating C (73) £95,000 FREEHOLD

Fully double glazer

for 2 cars

11 BOGNOP ROAD, ESSINGTON



- Lounge and Dining
- room

 Study
 Fitted breakfast
- kitchen
- Five bedrooms ◆ En-suite shower
- room

 Family bathroom
- Corner plot gardens

 EPC rating E (56)
- £339,950 FREEHOLD
 - 7 THIRLMERE CLOSE, CANNOCK

COLLIERS COTTAGE, 122 PELSALL ROAD, BROWNHILLS



COMPREHENSIVELY RENOVATED, EXTENDED AND IMPROVED DETACHED COTTAGE Occupying Grounds Adjoining Canal To The Rear

- eception hall and Predominantly cloakroom
- ◆ Lounge and dining double glazed ◆ 5 Bedrooms ◆ Family bathroom and
- two en-suites

 Extensive off road
- parking

 Gas fired central
- ♦ Inspection highly
- - ◆ EPC rating C (73)

- WELL EQUIPPED DETACHED FIVE BEDROOMED FAMILY RESIDENCE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT In This Popular South Staffordshire Village Convenient For Access To Surroundin Towns and Motorway Network Cloakroom with w.c.

 Detached double
 - width garage

 - Gas fired central
 - heating
 - ◆ Fully double glazed
 - ♦ Intruder alarm



DETACHED CHALET STYLE THREE BEDROOMED HOUSE
Located In Popular Quiet Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

Lounge and dining room

Integral garag

- Bathroom (ground floor) ♦ Gas fired central heating
- Toilet (front floor) ♦ EPC rating D (64) £179,950 FREEHOLD

£325,000

48 WOOD LANE, WEDGES MILLS

54 LICHFIELD ROAD, WALSALL WOOD

THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE Convenient For Facilities Locally

Garage and gardens

◆ EPC rating

£135,000 FREEHOLD

◆ Fully double glazed

· Gas central heating

A SUPERB FOUR BEDROOM
DETACHED HOUSE HAVING
BENEFITTED FROM EXTENSIVE
REFURBISHMENT
Located In Sought After Residential

- Gas central heating

- Refitted family
- landscaped gardens ♦ EPC rating D (64)

◆ Fully double glazed

Off road parking

84 STAFFORD ROAD, HUNTINGTON



£112,500 FREEHOLD € (51)

£285,000 FREEHOLD

HEATHFIELD HOUSE

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INDIVIDUAL ARCHITECT DESIGNED FIVE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED IN PRIME SHOAL HILL AREA OF THE TOWN

EPC Rating 72

PRICE - £845,000 **FREEHOLD**



THE BLUE HAT, 71 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK



INDIVIDUAL, ARCHITEC DESIGNED DETACHED HOUSE
WHICH HAS UNDERGONE CONSIDERABLE EXTENSIONS
AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT 4/5
BEDROOMED FAMILY ACCOMMODATION Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Three receptions
- rooms Fitted breakfast
- Utility and cloakroom ♦ 4/5 bedrooms
- ◆ Two en-suites and family bathroom
- Detached double
- gardens ◆ Gas fired centra

♦ Well stocked

- heating
 - ◆ All windows double glazed
 - ◆ EPC rating C (69)
- width garage

£399,950 53 HATHERTON ROAD, CANNOCK

£475.000 FREEHOLD



INDIVIDUAL DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE INDIVIDUAL DE IACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE.
Located in Much Sought After Residential Area
Of The Town Occupying Grounds Extending To
Approx. 0.41 Of An Acre Or Thereabouts with the
enefit of Planning Permission for the Developme
of One Detached Residential Unit to the Rear

- Enclosed porch
 Reception hall Garage ♠ Extensive mature
- Cloaks/shower room Lounge
- Dining room
- Utility room
- ◆ Landing◆ Three double
- Family bathroom
- gardens Out buildings Gas central heating
- ◆ Predominantly Inspection highly

◆ EPC Rating E (43)

1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK

- ◆ Communal grounds
- ◆ Electric heating
 ◆ Fully double glaz
 - £154,950 EPC rating E (49)









STONEY LANE

- Security alarm, double garage
- 2 elegent reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen, Conservatory
- 5 bedrooms, En-suite, Bathroom
 - Stunning plot with mature gardens

 - atory Energy Rating E
 Offers around £389,950





CHESLYN HAY **BRAMWELL DRIVE**

- Lounge, dining room, study Breakfast kitchen, utility, WC

- 4 bedrooms (ensuite to master) Offers around £360,000

Orangery, garden, games room

Driveway, tandem garage

EPC rating C

WALSALL WOOD LAWNSWOOD DRIVE

- Extended detached family resid
 Lounge, sitting room
 Fitted dining kitchen, utility
 Study, guest WC
 Four bedrooms, bathroom
 Master bedroom with en-suite
 Garage, driveway, rear garden
 EPC Rating D

- - Offers around £329,995



Offers around £290,000

CHESLYN HAY PINFOLD LANE



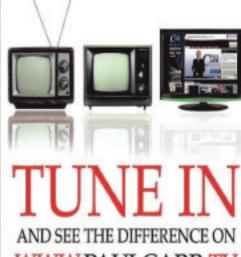
- Purchase price £250,000



NORTON HALL LANE

- Three bedrooms
 Master with fully tiled en-suite
 Garage, driveway
 Private rear garden
 VIEWING ESSENTIAL

- Offers around £250,000



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- nily detached pro inge, study chen/diner, utility



CLAYHANGER WYCH ELM ROAD

Offers around £244,950





TURNBERRY

- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- **GLENEAGLES ROAD** Four good sized bedrooms
 - Ensuite to master, family bathroom
 - Gardens, driveway parking





Family detached residence
Lounge, dining room, conserval
Fitted kitchen, guest WC
Three Bedrooms
Master with ensuite, family bath
Side garage, driveway
Landscaped rear garden
EPC Rating D

CLAYHANGER MOUNTAIN ASH ROAD

Offers around £204,950



NEW ROAD

- Offers around £194,950



- Offers around £189,950



- Family detached residence
 Three bedrooms
 Lounge, dining room
 Fitted kitchen, breakfast room
 Utility, study, bathroom
 Majority central heating
 Double glazing
 EFC Rating E



- MAGNA CLOSE

- Corner plot, detached garage
- Spacious 4 bedroom accommodation Ground floor bathroom, 1st floor WC
- Potential for improvement
 - nt EPC rating D
 Offers around £185,000
- Kitchen diner, laundry room

Reception hall, lounger



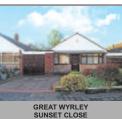
- BROWNHILLS CLAYHANGER ROAD Extended family detached residence Two reception rooms, conservatory Extended kitchen
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 Two reception rooms, conser
 Extended kitchen
 Ground floor ensuite bedroor
 Three first floor bedrooms
 Family bathroom
 Rear garden with brick shed
 EPC Rating E



BROWNHILLS CHURCH ROAD



Inree storey townhouse
Lounge
Fitted kitchen
Conservatory, guest WC
Three bedrooms
Master with ensuite
Garage in block, garden
EPC Rating B



Refurbished link detached bun
Prime Cul-de-Sac location
Lounge with feature fireplace
Well appointed modern kitcher
3 bedrooms, shower room
Side garage, tarmac drive
Pleasant gardens. No chain
EPC rating D

Offers around £157,450

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- Bathroom, showe
 Front & rear gard
 NO CHAIN
 EPC Rating C Offers around £154,950



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Purchase price £160,000

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Sandhills Walsall Wood **Heath Hayes**





SUTHERLAND ROAD

- Extended ground floor
- Superb family home
- Extended lounge / diner, kitchen
- - Three 1st floor bedrooms, bathroom
 - Gardens, driveway parking
 - EPC rating to follow



- - Offers around £154,950



- Offers around £149,950





GREAT WYRLEY

- Well presented semi
- Prime village location
- Lounge with archway to dining room
 Driveway parking, garage
- Modern fitted kitchen



LILAC LANE

- Three bedrooms, bathroom
- Charming rear garden





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- - Offers around £139,500



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- Offers around £132,950



- Offers in the Region £125,000





- Convenient village location

Lounge / diner, breakfast kitcher

Ideal first time buver home



CHESLYN HAY

- MITRE ROAD

 - Central heating, double glazing
 - · Gardens, off road parking
 - EPC rating D





WALSALL WOOD POXON ROAD

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- garden, off road parking al heating, double glazing Rating E
 - Offers around £104,950



Purchase Price £94,950

Canal views, NO CHAIN
EPC Rating C

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- Two Reception Rooms
- P' Shaped Conservatory
 Parking To Front
- •EPC = D

£244,950



PYE GREEN ROAD CANNOCK

•Mid Terrace House •Two Bedrooms •Two Reception Rooms •Kitchen •Detached Garage •EPC = D

£119.950



•Four Bedroom Detached •Two Reception Rooms •Kitchen Diner •Downstairs Shower

Room

•Detached Garage To Rear •EPC = D

£215.000



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Modern Kitchen •Side & Rear Gardens
 Off Road Parking •No Upward Chain



- Impressive Detached Bungalow •Four Bedrooms, Four
- Two Family Kitchens Hydra Therapy Pool & Plant
- •Driveway

£550,000

NUTHATCH CLOSE HEATH HAYES

•Three Bed Link Detached •En-suite Shower Room •Kitchen Diner •Guest WC •Garage •EPC = C



BOSTON CLOSE HEATH HAYES

Two Bedroom Semi Detached
Lounge Diner
Conservatory Guest WC
No Upward Chain EPC = D

£100.000



PENNINE DRIVE CANNOCK

£200.000



BELT ROAD HEDNESFORD

•First Floor Flat •Two Bedrooms
•80% Shared Ownership •Lounge/
Diner
•Electric Storage Heating •EPC = C

£80.000



- Five Redroom Detached
- Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen
 Three Reception Rooms Guest Cloakroom
- •Garage •EPC = D

£435,000



- Semi Detached Cottage •Four Bedrooms
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Guest WC & Utility Room
 Carport & Rear Garden

£329,995



PRICE STREET CANNOCK

- •Ground Floor Retirement Flat •Over 55's Only •One Bedroom •Communal Garden •Off Road Parking •EPC = C



STAGBOROUGH WAY HEDNESFORD

- •Semi Detached House •Three
- Bedrooms

 •Lounge & Dining Room •Garage

 •Front And Rear Gardens •EPC = E

£140.000



£175,000

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•Lounge & Conservatory •Rear Garden

•Driveway •EPC = D

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- •Garage •EPC = D



•Semi Detached House •Two Bedrooms

•Lounge & Conservatory •Rear Garden

•Driveway •EPC = E

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Detached Bungalow
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Off Road Parking To Rear •EPC = C

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A three bedroomed property within
walking distance to town centre. Gas
Central Heating and Double Glazing.
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Hallway,Lounge, Kitchen and Dining
Room. Landing,Three Bedrooms
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AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN.
EPC RATING - D







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RUGELEY





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A four bedromed link detached property in a sought after location. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs Shower Room and Bedroom Four Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear. EPC RATING - D







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£148,950







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EPC RATING - D







MAIN ROAD RUGELEY



Globe House, Upper Brook Street, Rugeley, WS15 2DN Telephone: 01889 583377



















A modern two bedroomed semi detached property on a sought after development. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen and Lounge. Landing, Two Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Garden to rear, parking and garage. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - B





A modern three bedroomed mid terraced property, close to local amenities, Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazzing. Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Kitchen and Lounge, First Floor Landing to Two Double Bedrooms and Family Bathroom and Second Floor Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite Slower Room, Gardens to front and rear and Floor Lounger to Master Bedroom with En Suite Slower Room, Gardens to front and rear and







DEERLEAP WAY ETCHINGILL

A three bedroomed extended family home in a quiet cul de sac location. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kirchen, Downstairs Bedroom with Shower Room and Utility Room. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Family Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to Rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - D







A three bedroomed detached bungalow in need of upgrade but situated in a sought after quiet location. Gas Central Heating and Part Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hallway, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Lean To Driveway for off road parking and Gardens to front and rear. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - E

£149,950











HIGH RIDGE ETCHINGHILL

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A three bedroomed semi detached property having undertaken dedemisation. Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Refitted Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Off road parking to front and Large Garden to rear. EPC RATING - E

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and Garden to rear. Gated severne comprises Bedrooms and Bathroom. Anotacce and Garden to rear. Gated secure complex 10 YEAR BUILDERS GUARENTEE.







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RUGELEY

Terraced property, Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing, Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom, Gardens to front and rear. Viewing recommended NO DSS. NO PETS. EPC Rating D









Driveway parking. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating



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some appliances. Three Bedrooms and
Bathroom. Sun Room, Garage, Gardens to
front and rear. VIEWING RECOMMENDED.
NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS. EPC
rating D







CHEVIOT DRIVE RUGELEY





LEVETT GRANGE RUGELEY

end terraced property in popular n. Comprises of Entrance Hall, Iocation. Comprises of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest cloaks. Three edrooms and Bathroom. Gardens to front and rear. Off road parking at rear. EPC Rating C. VIEWING RECOMMENDED

NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. NO DSS



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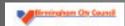


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- Requiring some repair and improvement
- Benefiting from being predominantly double glazed
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GUIDE PRICE £65,000



10 GLENCOE DRIVE, CHADSMOOR, CANNOCK

FREEHOLD POSSESSION

- Semi detached house Two bedrooms

Gas central heating
Predominantly double glazed
Ideal buy to let
EPC rating E (54)
GUIDE PRICE £70,000-£75,000



LOT 5

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 ◆ Benefiting from all windows being double glazed
 ◆ In need of general improvement
 ◆ Partial solid fuel central heating system is installe
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 GUIDE PRICE £58,000+



17 WHITEBARK CLOSE,

- ldeal buy to let
- ♦ EPC rating D (64)
 GUIDE PRICE £45,000-£55,000

LOT 6



POSSESSION

MARFORD, 2A WHARWELL LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

WITH VACANT POSSESSION

LOT 9

- Detached bungation
 Three bedrooms
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 GUIDE PRICE £150,000-£170,000



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- ♦ EPC rating 71

 Guide Price: £75,000 to £85,000
- ◆ Three bedrooms
 ◆ Gas central heating
 ◆ Fully double glazed Ideal buy to let



Predominantly double glazed

Attractive double fronted semi detached cottage

Benefiting from gas fired central heating

◆ EPC rating E (46)

GUIDE PRICE £125,000+

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Fully double plazed
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LOT 10

♦ EPC rating D (88) **GUIDE PRICE £120,000-£140,000**

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- Lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom
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Anuerin Bevan Place, Rugeley



- · Well presented three bedroom mid terraced
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
 Hallway, modern kitchen, large lounge Three good size bedrooms, modern
- · Gardens to front and rear and parking to rear



Chieveley Close, Rugeley

- Spacious two bedroomed semi detached bungalow
- Hallway, large lounge, breakfast kitchen
- Two good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, detached single garage
- Offered with No Chain, Viewing Essential

£134,950 Guide Price





- Quirky traditional end terraced property
- Good location close to town centre · Two good size bedrooms, further loft
- space
 Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, cellar
- No Chain, Ideal FTB/ Investment

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- Well presented four bedroom detached
- Popular location, Viewing essential
- Hallway, guest wc, refitted kitchen
- Lounge, dining room, two bathrooms
- Gardens, garage and driveway

£229.950



Deacons Way, Rugeley

- Executive detached family home
- Stunning garden plot backing onto River Trent
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- Large conservatory, four bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Garage, large driveway and landscaped gardens

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- Landing, three bedrooms and modern bathroom
- Parking, gardens and offered with No Chain

£149.950



Waverley Gardens, Etching

- Detached two bedroom bungalow in prime location
- Superb views over countryside, good size garden
- Two good size bedrooms, bathroom, lounge
- Conservatory, kitchen, garage and carport No chain, all sensible
- offers considered

£177,500 Offers Considered





- ●●NEWLY AVAILABLE●● Traditional semi detached
- Three bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Kitchen, conservatory, shower room Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Garage, Gardens, No Chain, Viewing essential £129.950



Greenfields Drive, Rugeley

- Spacious three/ four
- bedroom semi detached Good size extended accommodation, must be viewed
- Three first floor bedrooms, further ground floor bedroom
- Large lounge, conservatory, breakfast kitchen
- Gardens, driveway and No Chain

£149,500







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Wattfield Close, Brereton



- · Spacious four bedroom semi detached Popular location with open fields to rear
- · Four good size bedrooms, family bathroom
- Front and rear gardens, garage and parking £169.950



Armitage Road, Rugeley

- Traditional three bedroom semi detached
- Extended and must be viewed
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, refitted kitchen
- Conservatory, large bathroom, three bedrooms
- Large frontage and good size rear garden

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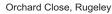
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Cheviot Drive, Rugeley

- Good size link detached family home
- Large corner garden plot with garage
- Three good sized bedrooms, bathroom
- Large lounge with kitchen/ diner
- Gardens, driveway, must be viewed

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- Well presented three bedroom detached
- Enviable cul de sac location, must be
- Large lounge, extended dining room, kitcher
 Three good size bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens, carport, single garage, parking £185,000 Guide Price



Wells Close, Rugeley

- Well presented four bedroom detached
- Popular location, Viewing essential
- Hallway, guest wc, kitchen, dining room
- Lounge, four bedrooms, two bathrooms
- Gardens, garage and views to rear

£225.000



Lion Street, Rugeley

- Traditional property close to town centre
- Hallway, lounge, dining room, kitchen Three good size
- bedrooms, bathroom
- Gardens and paved frontage, No Chain
- Must be viewed, Ideal FTB/ Investment

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Armitage Road, Rugeley



- Traditional detached property Good location, corner plot with
- Two reception rooms, large kitchen Two/ Three bedrooms, bathroom
 - Viewing essential, Offers considered £169.950 Guide Price



Cowlishaw Way, Rugeley

- Well presented three bedroom mid terraced
- Ideal FTB/ Investment purchase
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Guest WC
- Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom
- No Chain, Gardens to front and rear

£110,000



Queensway, Rugeley

- Three bedroom semi detached property
- Ideal FTB/ Investment
- Lounge, Impressive Kitchen/ Diner, utility
- Three good size bedrooms, modern bathroom
- Gardens and offered with No Chain

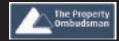
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Levett Grange, Rugeley

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- detached family home Corner position with
- gardens and garage Large lounge, guest wc,
- impressive kitchen Three good size beds,
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 Cul-De-Sac Location

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£120,000

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- Terraced Home Three Bedrooms

Mid Terraced Property
Three Bedrooms
Lounge & Dining Room
Kitchen

FINCHES HILL, RUGELEY

No Upward Chain
Sitting Tenant
£175,000

- £85.000
- Family Bathroom
 Double Glazing
 Gas Central Heating
 Sitting Tenant

- - - £85.000



- Terraced Property Family Bathroom
 Three Bedrooms Ideal Investment
 Lounge Sitting Tenant
 Viewing Advised

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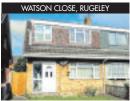
Family Bathroom
DG & GCH
Patio Style Rear Garden
Ideal Starter Home

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Lounge/Dining Room
Mature Gardens
Ample Off Road Parking

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- - £118,000





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- £234,995

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- LoungeBreakfast Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
 Sitting Tenant
 Ideal Investor Property
 - £85,000

NEWMAN GROVE, RUGELEY



- Gas Central Heating
 Ideal Investment
 Sitting Tenant
- £110,000

EATON DRIVE, RUGELEY



- Mid Terraced House
 Two Bedrooms
 Ideal Rental Property
 Lounge Diner
 Ouest WC
 GCH & DG
 Parking & Gardens
 No Upward Chain

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NURSERY ROAD, BRERETON



- - £315,000



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 - Garage & Gardens

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 - Extended Kitchen/Diner
 - Garage & Off-Road Parking
 - Dg & Gch
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£350 pcm



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£450 pcm

Energy rating D
 Sorry No DSS/ Pets

●Two Bed Flat ●Lounge, Kitchen ●Shower Room

•2 Bed Semi •Lounge/Kitchen •Dining Room •Bathroom

- ●NO DSS OR PETS
- Shower RoomDG, CH, Parking

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£495 pcm

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•2 Bed Semi •Lounge/Kitchen •Bathroom • GCH & DG

●Parking ●Energy Rate E ●NO DSS/ PETS

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●Two Bed Flat ●Lounge, Kitchen ●Two En-suites

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 Lounge
 Extended Kitchen-Diner
- •Three Bedrooms
 •Re-Fitted Shower Room
 •GCH/DG
 •Carport & Driveway
 •Gardens
- £130,000



Modern First Floor
partment
spacious Lounge
Wodern Fitted Kitchen
Wodern Fitted Baihroom
Wo

£82,500 No Chair

DOVEDALE, HEDNESFORD

- Newly Built Semi
 Guest Cloakroom
 Lounge Diner
 Breakfast Kitchen
 Three Bedrooms
 Gardens £139,950 No Chair



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Bathroom Rear Garde

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- Decephire, Spacious Lounge & Dining
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 •Three Bedrooms
 ng
 •En Suite & Bathroom
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- Bathroom
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- Five Bedrooms



- Ensuite & Bathroom •GCH & DG
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The Property List

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Eastern Avenue, Commercial Premises £9,000pa
Bore Street, Offices£400pcm
NEW Newton Road, Room to let£400 pcm
NEW Strawberry Lane, 2 bed apartmentLET £660 pcm
NEW St Chads Court, 2 bed apartment£575 pcm
NEW Main Street, Alrewas, 5 bed detached£2,000pcm
Cannock
Hednesford Road, 3 Bedroom Terraced House£475pcm
Viewfield Avenue, 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached HouseLET £725pcm
Maycroft Close, 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached House£500pcm
Van Gogh Close, 1 Bedroom ApartmentLET £425pcm
Primrose Meadow, 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached£550pcm
Brindley Crescent, 3 Bedroom Terraced£500pcm
Bell Drive, 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached£575pcm
School Road, 1 Bedroom Flat£450pcm
Teddesley Way, 3 Bedroom Detached HouseLET £625pcm
Heath Gap Road, 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
Allport Road, 3 Bedroom Detached House£725pcm
Copperkins Road, 3 Bedroom Detached HouseLET £750pcm
Herondale, 1 bed flat with parkingLET £395pcm
NEW Stoneyfields Close, 2 bed bungalow
NEW Walsall Road, 3 bed semi with garage
Bond Way, 2 bed semi detachedLET £550pcm
Bettys Lane, 3 bed semi detachedLET £675 pcm
Other Areas
Acorn Mews, Willenhall, 2 Bedroom Apartment£450pcm
Gorton Lodge Farm, Longdon, 1 Bed Semi-Det Bung£500pcm
Winchester Close, Handsacre, 2 Bed End TerraceLET £550pcm
Rectory Lane, Armitage, 2 Bedroom Terraced HouseLET £550pcm
Pinewood Drive, Lt Haywood, 3 Bed Detached HouseLET £595pcm
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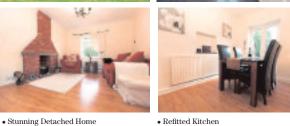
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Bedrooms

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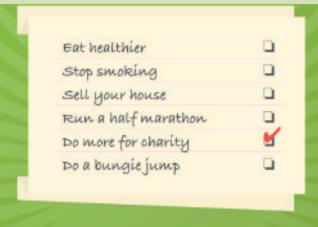


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Chester Road



kitchen / Conservatory & guest WC / En-suite to master / Tarmac drive for two vehicles / EPC: B

Horseshoe Drive



Downes Way



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Rokholt Crescent



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High Mount Street

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Fremantle Drive

Stafford Road



diner / spacious reception rooms / garage / large private rear garden / driveway for three vehicles

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Kinross Avenue



Vell presented four bedroom detached ho / Double garage / Breakfast kitchen / Utility, guest WC & garage / En-suite to master / EPC: D

Hopton Meadow



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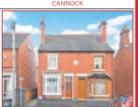
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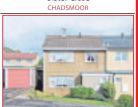


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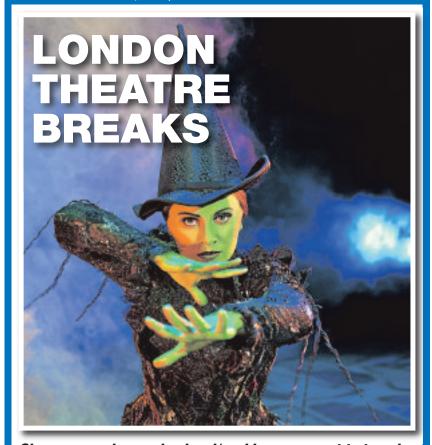


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Safety first on motorways

By James Parker

Drivers need to put safety first on motorway journeys says breakdown cover specialist GEM Motoring Assist. Gem is giving the advice following a recent multiple vehicle crash on the M4 in south Wales which left 28 people injured.

GEM chief executive David Williams MBE offered some reassurance for drivers: "Motorways may be the fastest roads we use, but they are statistically also the safest; and there are fewer collisions on motorways than

on other roads," he said.
"However, the high speeds used on motorways mean that when there is a crash, it is likely to be more serious. That's why on average around one in 50 motorway collisions is fatal, compared with one in 70 on all other roads.

The risks are greatest on motorways in the following situations:

- When there is insufficient time and space between vehicles travelling at high speed
- When drivers are avoidably distracted often by using a mobile phone, re-setting the satnav or attempting to eat and drink at the wheel.
- As a result of poor lane discipline for example, driving in the middle lane when the left hand lane is empty, or from changing lanes without proper observations or signalling.
- When traffic is heavy and motorway speeds are constantly varying, largely due

fic is light and there is little or nothing to engage the attention of a driver on a long journey.

It's at these times that alertness can drop and concentration can dip, making it easy to miss a developing hazard.

 Around junctions, when drivers are leaving or joining the motorway. Too often drivers make last-minute decisions and up cutting across lanes of traffic to get off the motorway or into the correct lane if the carriageway is about to split. Busy urban stretches of motorway are particularly risky, as there are often several junctions and intersections across short

David Williams added: "By acknowledge ing these risks, you are taking a big step toward making a motorway journey safer." GEM has compiled 10 tips for safer mo-

- torway driving:
 1. Plan your journey so you know when to join and leave the motorway. You're far less likely to be taken by surprise when it comes to choosing the correct lane at
- junctions and intersections.

 2. Choose a safe speed and use the left
- hand lane unless overtaking.
 3. Check your following distance by the 'two second rule'. Watch the vehicle in front go past a signpost, under a bridge or past some other reference point.
- 4. Then speak out: "Only a fool breaks the two second rule." If you pass the same point before you have finished the sentence, then you are too close.

 5. Double your following distance in wet
- 6. Scan the road a long way ahead so that you have early sight of developing
- 7. Make regular mirror checks. If you ob



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steps to move out of its way.

8. Before changing lanes, check your mirrors and blind spots, and indicate your intention to move either left or right. Only commence the manoeuvre when you know you can complete it safely.

9. Avoid any sort of distraction. No mo-

satnay, no eating or drinking. Give 100% of your attention to driving.

10, If you miss your motorway exit, don't make last-minute risky manoeuvres to leave the motorway. Continue to the next junction and turn around, or follow the re-



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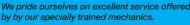
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This year Vauxhall is celebrating the 25th anniversary of one of its most famous and dramatic models, the Lotus Carlton, which started a long tradition of Griffin-badged performance saloons that still survives today.

The Lotus Carlton was the fastest four-door saloon in the world when it was launched in 1989, 65 years after Vauxhall produced Britain's first 100mph road car.

With 377bhp from its twin-turbocharged engine, the Carlton (pictured above) could achieve the 0-62 sprint in 4.9 seconds and would go on to a top speed of 176mph.

Its chassis was developed by Lotus, resulting in a car with the handling ca-

pabilities and top speed to keep up with the finest supercars of the day.

A total of 440 Lotus Carltons were produced from 1989 to 1994 as a joint project between Vauxhall and Lotus, with each car costing £48,000.

Commenting on the iconic car, Stuart Harris, current head of carline brand at Vauxhall, said: "Everyone at the time said it was completely inappropriate for a manufacturer like Vauxhall to launch a 176mph car.

"It was better than the competition in every conceivable way and will go down as one of the most iconic Vauxhalls of all time. It was landmark product for Vauxhall, which to this day is still much loved.

"It introduced the brand to people who would not have considered driving a Vauxhall before. The car put a question mark in people's heads and

got them talking – just like the cars in today's VXR range do."

After the Lotus Carlton there were talks of a successor, but the project did not go ahead, meaning the 3.0-litre quad-cam engined Omega produced from 1993 to 1997 became the final large performance saloon for Vauxhall through the rest of the 1990s.

By the early 2000s, though, large performance cars were firmly back on Vauxhall's agenda thanks to the allnew VXR range.

In 2007, it spawned the 420PS VXR8 saloon, based on sister-company Holden's Clubsport R8.

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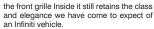
Infiniti Q70, pulse racing

By James Parker

The long-awaited 2015 Q70, the flagship saloon from Infiniti has just landed and is set to cause quite the storm.

The designers at Infiniti have embraced their performance philosophy with the new Q70.

With changes externally internally and under the bonnet the results are an elegant yet striking sports saloon which exudes attitude on the outside with its new shape LED headlights and chromes accents on



Available in both Premium and Sports versions, the 2.2 diesel holds the fort with a stirring 170PS and 400 NM of torque while the 3.7-litre V6 petrol engine smashes through the gates accelerating from 0 – 63 mph in just 5.3 seconds.

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Hyundai launches all-new Genesis

By David Banner

Hyundai's new high-technology premium saloon, the all-newGenesis, will be available in the UK from April 2 priced at £47,995 on-the-

Available in limited numbers, the new flagship model will be sold exclusively via selected Hyundai dealerships nationwide.

All-new Genesis clearly demonstrates Hyundai's capabilities in the areas of innovative technology, luxurious comfort, craftsmanship and premium style, delivering on the brand's promise to provide value beyond expectations. Available in the UK in a single high-specification form, all-new Genesis offers a unique opportunity to own the most refined and technologically advanced Hyundai ever made available in

A potent 3.8-litre V6 GDI engine delivers power to the rear wheels, working in conjunction with an eight-speed automatic transmission to ensure an effortlessly smooth and serene driving experience.

Demonstrating Hyundai's latest design philosophy, the sophisticated exterior of all-new Genesis incorporates clean, fluid lines which sweep down its flanks. A long wheelbase with minimal overhangs ensures all-new Genesis projects a sophisticated exterior style which flows through to the interior where all occupants can enjoy true comfort and calm.

Luxurious

Cocooned inside a generous and luxurious cabin that makes use of the finest materials, driver and passengers are offered a true sense of opulence and serenity. Complete comfort is delivered through a combination of plentiful space and first-class seating finished in fine grain leather. all-new Genesis is equipped with a suite of intuitive yet unobtrusive new technologies, including an advanced driver infotainment system that displays detailed vehicle information on an 8" touch screen.

Advanced safety features include smart cruise control automatic emergency braking and the world's first CO2 cabin sensor, which monitors the quality of the cabin environment and helps protect the driver from the dangers of drowsiness. Four cameras offer a 360-degree view of the vehicle at all times, providing assistance to the rear cross traffic alert system which warns drivers of approaching hazards when reversing from a parking space. Blind spot detection monitors traffic around the car while on the road and warns of approaching hazards. A head-up display projects important information into the driver's line of sight, while visibility is aided further by Bi-Xenon headlights equipped with automatic high-beam assist function.

A myriad of convenience features fitted as standard in-clude the Smart Boot System, which automatically opens the boot if the smart key is detected within close proximity for longer than three seconds. This system allows the driver to keep both feet comfortably on the ground, simply waiting by the boot for a few seconds for it to open automatical-ly. Puddle lights, featuring the Genesis logo, illuminate the area around the doors, which are equipped with an automatic-closing mechanism.

All-new Genesis is available in a choice of seven specially selected metallic and pearlescent exterior colours, which have been chosen to best showcase the sleek lines of the car. To accentuate its spaciousness and offer a serene, relaxing experience, three elegant interior trim colour options are available

Echoing the premium ambiance of the vehicle itself, selected Hyundai dealerships will introduce bespoke Genesis retail display areas. Featuring high quality furniture and premium materials, the Genesis area of the dealership will also be staffed by a specially trained member of staff fully versed in all aspects of the vehicle

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BMW is king of coupes

By David Banner

There's big things going on at BMW and the arrival of a new 2 Series coupe really has taken the company to new levels in the premium compact sector.

The company renamed the 3 Series as 4 Series and has really done the same thing by now tagging 1 Series as 2 Series – but a new design clearly differentiates the models.

And that's not the only difference because this stunning looking car drives better and is cheaper to run.

It's longer and wider than the outgoing 1 Series Coupe, and has a longer wheelbase too which means there's more room inside for four.

Boot space has increased by an extra 20 litres, so total

capacity is 390 litres. Rear seats can be dropped in a 50/50 spilt or there is an option to specify a 40/20/40 spilt to give even more room.

But it's the sporty drive that made this car stand out for me with a range of engines particularly chosen for this purpose. As you would expect with BMW, all coupes are rear-wheel

On test was a 225d M Sport Coupe standing proudly on 18inch alloys with M Sport suspension, a sporty body kit and stand-out chrome tailpipes

Good

Outwardly the car attracts admiring glances but onlookers have no idea how good things get inside.

There are comfortable and adjustable cloth and Alacantra sports seats, and a leather multi-functional steering wheel which means you can control just about everything without taking your hands off.

Handling is a dream and there's BMW's Drive Performance Control which allows you to set the driving characteristics you prefer via a switch near the gear lever

You can chose eco pro, comfort, sport or sport+ which means you're adjusting throttle response time, steering weighting, adaptive suspension firmness and gearbox change speed.

The eight speed automatic gearbox is really versatile with changes hard to notice but it becomes a lot more fun when you switch to sport or sport+ modes and really test the characteristics of the car.

Quick

I'd have to say the 225d is one of the most enjoyable drives I've had over the last 12 months - with a top speed of 150mph and 0-60mph in 6.2seconds.lt's quick.

The front-engined, rear-wheel drive configuration means you can corner comfortable at speed with very little body roll even when using the sport option to the limit.

It's not cheep though at \$32,095 and that price goes through the roof if you add media, driver comfort and visibility packages while adding a few other bits here and there could see you racking up a \$40,000 bill.

But you can expect to top 60mpg on the combined circuit and CO2 emissions are at 150g/km.

BMW lovers everywhere will simply love this model. I've just ticked it off as my favourite in the German car maker's



All-new i40 for Europe revealed by Hyundai

By David Banner

Hyundai Motor has introduced its new i40 Tourer and Saloon, enhancing the brand's product line-up in Europe's competitive D-segment.

A flagship car for Hyundai Motor in Europe at its launch, the original i40 has achieved sales of 100,000 units and played an important role in changing customers' perceptions of the Hyundai brand.

The new i40 now features refined exterior styling, an upgraded range of responsive, efficient diesel engines, the addition of a new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission, improvements in ride and handling and several 'first-for-Hyundai' active safety and convenience features. Many of the new technologies were first seen on the new Hyundai

Designed and engineered at the company's European R&D headquarters in Rüsselsheim, Germany, the refreshed design for New i40 retains the distinctive visual appeal and practicality of the original model, combining practicality with engaging design.

Exterior enhancements include an updated design for front and rear lamps, a more sophisticated hexagonal grille, a new front bumper, and new integrated LED fog lamps as introduced in Genesis. The profile is refreshed by newly-designed 16- and 18-inch alloy wheels.

New i40 is available with an enhanced engine line-up of two Euro6-compliant diesel power units from 115 PS up to 141 PS. These have been re-engineered to deliver increased responsiveness and efficiency

Upgraded

A new seven-speed dual-clutch transmission is available for the upgraded 1.7-litre diesel engine with 141 PS. It provides improved fuel efficiency, and offers drivers fully automatic operation or manual gear changes through paddles on the steering wheel for greater driver involvement.

Technologies included: Integrated Stop & Go (ISG), al-

ternator management system, and active front flaps help to

further reduce emissions and fuel consumption.
For better cornering and to improve the overall agility, the New i40 now offers Advanced Traction Cornering Control (ATCC) (subject to market specification). The system uses electronic sensors to emulate the behaviour of a limited-slip differential during cornering, providing additional traction,

better grip and improved handling.

New i40's Drive Mode settings are enhanced by the new
Rear Electronic Damping Control System (ECS) (subject to market specification), which will be equipped on the rear axle of the most popular New i40 body type - the Tourer. The driver will also be able to adapt the suspension settings through the drive modes to suit his driving style. In addition to the rear suspension, the steering, the transmission logic* and throttle response* are all influenced by the selection. This technology follows the electronic damping control introduced on the Genesis.

Hyundai has expanded the comprehensive list of available active and passive safety technologies for the New i40

As well as the existing Lane Keep Assist System, additional functions include the new Smart High Beam (SHB) system (available subject to market specification), which monitors approaching traffic and automatically turns off the high beam to avoid dazzling other drivers. This system was first seen on the premium Genesis model.

The new Speed Limit Identification Function system checks roadside signs and displays a current speed limit alert to the driver via the new TFT display on the instrument panel. It is the first time Hyundai is bringing this technology to its line-up. (available subject to market specification)

Also introduced in the New i40 is the company's latest navigation technology with enhanced touchscreen functionality and new visualisation for better usability. The two new audio systems are available with several new features including DAB technology for the top version.

Like all new Hyundai models, the new i40 is backed up by Hyundai's unique, Europe-only, Five Year Unlimited Mileage











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Sixth Astra shines on among the hatchbacks

By David Banner

Some cars have more to live up to than others and the Vauxhall Astra is one that's saddled with particularly high expectations. The sixth generation model in Vauxhall's Astra line has been designed to push on from where the fifth left off.

That means competing at the very top of the family hatchback class, preferably administering a sound thrashing to the mighty Ford Focus in the process. If the full scale of this ambition is to be realised and the Astra is to sweep all before it in the hatchback arena, it will need to be very good indeed and so will its diesel engines.

Diesel is very much where it's at for cars like the Astra at the moment. The low cost, long distance potential of oil-burning cars makes them a perfect fit with the mile-munching fleet and business users that account for the lion's chunk of sale in this market.

It's not a bad shout for private buyers either. The Astra has nothing particularly groundbreaking in its enginebay to excite diesel aficionados because its oil-burning engines have been seen before in the previous generation Astra. All are solid units, however, and the Astra's designers are banking on other aspects of the car's make-up to move the game

The ride and body control are assured and tight respectively as the car flows over the surface feeling well planted through bends. The steering is something of a let down by comparison and could be more precise but a slick gearshift and well-judged pedal weights go in the plus column. Generally, the Astra is a highly polished drive.

With five doors, the Astra isn't what you would call dra-

matic to look at but it's easy to appreciate its sharp, sculp-tural lines and they tend to grow on you as you take in the bodywork's nuances. Crisp, gently curving lines run across the flat surfaces and those familiar with the MkV Astra will notice the roofline dropping away at the rear along with the more muscular shoulders. The rear light clusters are a particularly neat touch with their chevron motifs.

Steering

Vauxhall wanted the Astra to feel special from the driver's seat and by family hatchback standards, it does. Switchgear lifted from the larger Insignia is very much in evidence from the steering column to the over-buttoned main console. There are some nice design touches such as the way the dash swoops around to integrate with the doors and door pulls themselves. The use of light is clever with soft red illumination seeping out of the gap around the base of the gear lever and the red laser pointers that shine from the tip of the needles in the stylish instrument cluster.

There's plenty of space for a couple of six-footers in the back so long as the front seats aren't right back on their run-ners. There's even an abundance of headroom back there, despite the car's plunging roofline. In the boot, a 370-litre capacity reveals itself which isn't en partment that improves matters.

The trim levels range for the Astra opens with the S models and that's followed by the Exclusiv. Even the basic models get a CD stereo with MP3 compatibility and an AUX socket, electric heated mirrors, remote central locking, a rake and reach adjustable steering wheel and a 60:40 split rear bench. For the fetching ambient lighting, you'll need to stretch to the Exclusiv. Above this level, there's the choice of going sporty with an SRi or taking a more luxurious route

with the SE or, ultimately, the Elite.
Only the 1.3-litre unit and the 109bhp 1.7-litre diesel are offered with the S and Exclusiv trim levels and neither engine can be specified with Elite trim but otherwise, there's a lot of mix and match potential. The 2.0-litre oil-burner is available with a smooth six-speed automatic and the FlexRide adap-

with a shibour six-speed automatic and the ries/hib adaptive suspension is an option on the higher spec cars.

The headline economy figure is 67mpg for the Astra eco-FLEX which features various mechanical and aerodynamic modifications to make this possible. Fuel economy for the 1.7-litre diesel is the same no matter which power output you choose and at 60mpg on the combined cycle, these units are certain to be popular with company car drivers.

Interestingly, the 2.0-litre diesel is only fractionally thirstier with 57.6mpg but the automatic gearbox option sees that figure tumble to under 48mpg. CO2 emissions are 124g/km for the 1.7-litre cars and 129g/km for the 2.0.

The latest Astra is larger and of tangibly higher quality than the car that went before it. The elegant, intelligently designed cabin feels special and the driving experience is just

as well judged.

Those after the last word in family hatch sportiness might prefer a Focus and the Golf retains the edge on quality but its blend of abilities puts Vauxhall's effort is right up where

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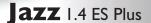


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Rio – grand supermini with a host of attractions

By David Banner

Kia's supermini, the Rio, now benefits from a package of design, trim and specification upgrades which make it even more the car of choice for buyers looking for style, quality and value in a compact package.

Redesigned front and rear bumpers have given the

Rio a sharper, sportier appearance.

Meanwhile changes to the upholstery of most models and to the centre fascia trim have raised perceived quality to new heights; while new items like touchscreen satellite navigation, electrically adjusted and heated door mirrors, a DAB

tion, electrically adjusted and heated door mirrors, a DAB digital radio, tyre pressure monitoring and a luggage net and undertray – depending on model – add to the well-being and convenience of owners.

A striking new Urban Blue colour option, replacing Electric Blue, is available on second – and third-tier models, and there are distinctive new 16- and 17-inch alloy wheels for all but the two entry-level grades. The 16-inch wheels on grade 2 wear 195/55 R 16 tyres, while the 17-inch rims on level 3 and 4 models are shod with 205/45 R 17 rubber.

The new Rio is offered in a total of 19 versions based on

The new Rio is offered in a total of 19 versions based on three- and five-door body styles, five trim grades (1, 1 Air, 2, 3 and 4) and four engines. Most manual versions have Intelligent Stop & Go (ISG), Kia's fuel-saving, emissions-reducing engine stop/start system, which contributes towards the 1.1-litre diesel model achieving an official fuel economy figure of up to 88.3mpg – better than any non-electric car on sale in the UK, including hybrids and eco-specials, at the time of its introduction in the car.

For the convenience of buyers who spend a lot of time driving in cities or who have disabilities, automatic transmis-

sion is offered with the 1.4-litre petrol engine.

The Kia Rio's acclaimed styling has been given a sportier edge for 2015 with revisions to both the front and rear. The lower front air intake has been redesigned, as have the front fog light housings, which feature twin chromed horizontal bars. The rear bumper has also been modernised and in-

corporates a new number plate strip and restyled reflectors. Grades 1 and 1 Air now have electrically adjustable and heated door mirrors, while in grades 2, 3 and 4 these also fold electrically and have LED indicators. Grades 3 and 4 also now have a luggage net and undertray, providing more secure storage for small items.

Technologies

The Rio continues with an unchanged line-up of four engines. Besides the 1.1-litre CRDi engine, which delivers 74bhp and 170Nm of torque from a mere 1,500rpm, the Rio is available with 1.25-litre and 1.4-litre petrol engines and a 1.4-litre CRDi diesel. While the 1.1-litre three-cylinder CRDi will capture the headlines with fuel economy of more than 74mpg and CO2 figures below 100g/km for every model to which it is fitted, all four engines in the Rio are frugal, lively and kind to the environment. EcoDynamics technologies are standard on all Rio diesels and the 1.4-litre petrol models with manual transmission.

The 1.4 litre four-cylinder diesel engine is from the same U2 family as the 1.1. It develops 89bhp and 220Nm of torque. Economy and emissions figures are 70.6mpg and just 105 g/km of CO2.

The entry-level petrol engine in the Rio is the 1.25-litre Kappa unit, which develops 84bhp and 121Nm of torque. The 1.4-litre alternative is from the Gamma family and develops 107bhp and 137Nm of torque. It offers buyers the convenience of an automatic gearbox as an option to the

The long wheelbase and wide cabin ensure excellent legroom and shoulder space, and despite the low roofline there is generous headroom. The wide luggage area has an overall capacity of 288 litres and is supplemented by useful, bespoke storage areas throughout the cabin. The 60:40 split rear seats fold down when additional cargo space is

All Rio models enjoy exactly the same standard safety specification. The package includes the potentially life-saving feature of electronic stability control (ESC), which stabilises the car when road conditions or driving style might cause it to go out of control by braking one or more wheels reducing engine torque, or both.

Every Rio has a comprehensive specification. In addi-

tion to the new features added in the 2015 facelift, standard features include daytime running lights, speed-variable front wipers, headlamp levelling, front electric windows, a height-adjustable driver's seat, two-way steering column adjustment on the petrol model (tilt only on the diesel), a tachometer and trip computer. Bluetooth is also standard on the entry-level petrol model, and on all versions with other

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Peugeot's new, go faster version of its well received 308 range is unreal. At least, it exhibits virtual unreality, which a budding owner is going to enjoy... if the mood takes him.

And it will be a 'him', with the vast majority of users likely to be chaps, with an average age of 47.

Yes, that's how precisely Peugeot has researched the likely wheel winder for the pumped-up petrol and diesels powering the 308 GT, available in five-door hatch or spa-cious estate car form, from £24,095 for the 1.6 litre petrol hatch.

You can now also order a 308 that looks for all the world like the GT (currently the fastest 308 you can buy, before the strongly hinted at GTI arrives later this year), but these GT Line cars, costing from £21,445 with a 1.2 litre petrol engine, might act the part at the kerb but lack the under bonnet punch that the full fat GT brings.

You can tell the GT apart from humbler versions by its

fancy alloy wheels, radiator grille with lion rampant in pride of place and big air intakes, to satisfy the new engines' thirst

for air, and that mean the fog lights have had to go.
Inside, there's the usual GT upgrade kit (common to nearly every manufacturer) that takes in lots of black trim. stitched on nicely contrasting red, foot pedals wrapped in alloy, and a chunky leather bound steering wheel.

In this Peugeot's case, that wheel is tiny (so small you look at the instruments by peering over it) and the instruments can be turned to pepped-up red by a quick push of a button marked 'sport' down beside the gear lever. And this is when the aural fun starts.

In either version, petrol or diesel, the door speakers begin to pour out the sound of something faintly menacing, almost as though you had strayed on to an American dirt track busy with a hot rod race

You'll either love the way your car sounds (and reacts, with a sharper throttle response) or find it all a bit fake and unnecessary. At least the choice is yours.

Trouble is, especially with the diesel engine tied to an automatic gearbox (no manual option with this power unit) you may well want the more urgent responses of 'sport' but not the soundtrack that goes with it.

That aside, the diesel 308 GT – the likely bigger seller by

far and costing £25,945 for hatch and a bargain £900 more

for an estate – drives in an utterly convincing manner. Some way from a full on GTI (remember, that comes later), but a pretty potent thing nonetheless.

On the Portuguese roads of the car's press launch the GT rode beautifully on its lowered and stiffened suspension. The UK's pockmarked horrors will be more of a challenge but the omens are good.

There's plenty of power, especially in the midrange where a typical driver needs all the overtaking ability that's going together with the promise of decent economy.

You sacrifice a bit of the latter by choosing the petrol engine, but its 200-plus horses and (mandatory) six-speed manual gearbox translate into a more obviously sporty drive.

The pretend sound from the speakers is less intrusive,

making it more likely you'd engage the sport button more. The steering is also a bit more alert, thanks to having a lighter engine sitting between the front wheels. Both versions show Peugeot's welcome return to form

with the quality of its car interiors, now up there with the best of the opposition (German cars included).

The dash looks spectacularly uncluttered, with most func-tions moved to a big touchscreen.

That does make simple adjustments to heating and radio programmes a finger tapping exercise, but m the way all cars are going in this big-screen mobile phone world

The new 308 GT retains enough old world charm to turn a routine drive into something to enjoy, in a rather grown up sort of way.

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How you can get your hands on almost any type of car for £1,500 or less? Matt Joy has some tips.

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Here's a small selection of what is possible for

just £1 000

Supermini - Ford Fiesta

Of course there's stacks of choice at this end of the market as smaller cars tend to be cheaper

than larger ones – although not always.
You'll find all of the most popular models;
Vauxhall Corsa, Renault Clio and plenty of Ford

We found a nice 2002 example of the previous generation model with air conditioning and a modest 92,000 miles for £1,000.

Family hatch - Honda Civic

Move up a size and you still should have no trouble finding what you're after. As well as the usual suspects from Ford and Vauxhall, consider something like the Honda Civic.
They have an excellent reputation for reliabil-

ity and are practical too. For £999 we found a 2003 Civic 1.6i SE Executive with plenty of toys, 11 months MOT and 100,000 miles; for a Honda that's only just run in!

MPV - Seat Alhambra

Now we're getting to the larger cars, it's important to remember that they will inevitably have a higher mileage, but condition is arguably more important; a well-maintained car with fewer owners and higher miles is better than a thrashed low-mileage example.

Ford and Volkswagen collaborated on the

Galaxy/Sharan MPV in the 1990s but there was a often-overlooked Seat version too. We found a 2000 Alhambra with the ideal 1.9 TDi engine, air conditioning, 179,000 miles and 10 months MOT for £995.



Convertible – Audi Cabriolet

If you're looking for style on a budget, it's important to choose something that's aged well, which is where the Audi Convertible comes in.

Even though the earliest examples are now over 20 years old, it stayed on sale until 2000 and still looks the part; even Princess Diana had one

You'll need to search and this 1.8-litre example we found is no fireball, but it has the essential alloy wheels, part leather seats and 133,000 miles

Luxury saloon - Lexus LS

It might seem a nonsense that you can get a big luxury saloon for £1,000 but the truth is that cars like these depreciate more than any other, which is why those 15 years old or more are remarkably cheap.

We found a couple of Mercedes-Benz S-Class

and half a dozen BMW 7 Series but we'd plump for the Lexus LS. We found a 1999 example with an admittedly-high 200,000 miles on it, but your £995 gets you a smooth V8 engine, sat-nav, electric seats, climate control and an interior that

Sports car – Porsche 928

OK, so this really is a stretch but if you're prepared to be patient, haggle and get your hands dirty, then you could have a fast car on your drive. Back when it was launched in 1978, the Por-

sche 928 had a 4.5-litre V8 engine and could crack 140mph, while later models got even more power. The oldest examples will need some work but there are plenty of specialists out there and even today it's an eye-catching example of Porsche design. We found two examples in the classifieds for a smidgen over £1,500, so with a bit of haggling you could have a performance bargain





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Single point sees Cannock knocked from the top

Cannock Ladies 2nds 1 Olton & West Warwicks Ladies 2nds 6 Cannock Ladies 3rds 0 Stafford Ladies 1sts 1 CANNOCK Ladies Thirds played host to Stafford in the promotion decider at a white Chase Park on Saturday morning and came off the encounter the worse by a girdle point.

single point.

The game was played at great intensity where both sides were looking for that key

However, midway through the second half Stafford broke the deadlock and scored what would turn out to be the vital goal

with their only real effort on target. Despite Cannock coming forward with several short corners they couldn't make the breakthrough.

Not only did the win mean Stafford took all the three points but it also means they knocked Cannock off top spot of Staffs Di-vision 1 with five games left.

Cannock Ladies 4ths 2

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Cannock LadiesFourths faced Tamworth

last week in their third league game after

The scheduled game between Cannock Ladies Fifths and Stafford Ladies Fourths was cancelled.

England Hockey Mixed Trophy Round 1 Cannock 7 Old Silhillians 1

Cannock began well. They started playing some nice attacking hockey but after spurning some good chances soon found themselves 1-0 down to a counter attack from the visitors.

from the visitors.

However, Aaron Wilkes equalised from a penalty corner and Richard Parker gave Cannock the lead just before half time.

Cannock withstood a strong challenge

as the second half began before two more quick goals put the result beyond doubt.
The home team continued to play well their fine team performance yielded a 7-1

Two goals came from Az Wilkes, Stu Gooderham, Chris Darnley, Lucy Spencer and two for Richard Parker on his debut.

If you are interested in getting involved

in the club or joining at team then for more information about the club visit www.can-

nockhockey.org/ladies_section Cannock ladies train on a Monday nights 6.30 -7.30pm at Chase Park.

Henry's late score saves Wolves' streak

IT took a truly memorable goal to cap a truly forgettable performance.

James Henry has struck similar remarkable efforts before, but whether he has ever hit a more timely one is debatable. This game was drifting towards only one conclusion - the end of Wolves' en-match unbeaten run.

> posed little threat to an organised Bolton side

Yet Wolves gave them-selves the perfect start when McDonald sent Dicko racing clear and he expertly

fired past Andy Lonergan with his first touch from six

yards out.

Wolves seemed well set

wolves seemed wen set but apart from a few early corners, one of which saw McDonald lash narrowly over, they were flat as an attacking force.

The goal maybe made them complacent, but for the second game in a row there was a lack of urgency about the Molineux men.

Instead it was Bolton, with full debutants Adam Le Fondre and 19-year-old academy product Clough catching the eye, who seized the initiative.

Clough's first goal was as sweetly-struck a free-kick as you're likely to see, curling inside Carl Ikeme's far post

giving the goalkeeper no chance in the 23rd minute.

Then he put Bolton ahead when he turned Danny

minute of injury time

But from somewhere, with almost the last kick of with almost the last kick of the game, Henry conjured up a magical blockbuster from some 25 yards out that would have beaten any goalkeeper in the world to rescue a point for Kenny Jackett's side.

It was a point they never looked like gaining, and less like earning, once they trailed to Zach Clough's second goal to put Bolton ahead in the 25th minute.

Herein lies what appears to be Wolves' biggest problem at the moment.

They are simply not causing teams enough problems going forwards.

going forwards.

For all their exciting options – and they certainly
possess the pace to frighten
defences in Rajiv van La
Parra, Nouha Dicko and
Benik Afobe – the attacking
threat just isn't there.
Since their damaging snell

Since their damaging spell in November, Jackett has tried to get his side playing their football further up the pitch and you can see that in their play.

their play.

But for all their possession – and they had 52 per cent of the play on Saturday – there is a feeling that they need to create more chances if they are to be taken seriously as a promotion force.

That was clear as they

Downing following family tradition to Wembley



The players celebrate after earning a trip to Wembley with a 0-0 draw over Preston

FOR Paul Downing, running out at Wembley on March 22 will be more than just a dream day. Because the Walsall defender will be upholding a family tradition. Downing has watched on DVD the day in 1988 when his Uncle Keith helped Wolves clinch the Sherpa Van Trophy

Now, in the same competition but with a different name, the Saddlers man will be looking to complete a Finally there was Henry's strike in the fifth and final

unique Downing double. "He played at the old Wembley and I've got that game on DVD funnily enough," said Downing Jnr, whose father Adrian is the brother of the ex-Molineux mid-fielder and recent Albion coach.

"I've watched that one a lot and I'm sure he will be there on the day with the whole family cheering me on. Adrian, my dad, is very supportive. I have a very supportive family and I'm sure on the day I will have

a large following. Keith says I have "I have been there before to watch a game but to play there is something totally different.

"I'm sure I will have a lot of memories and enjoyment from the occa-

sion."

The Wembley atmosphere will be nothing new to the 23-year-old, who has made more than 100 Saddlers appearances

Boxing's Bill Gray will be laid to rest

NOT too many boxers can say they shared a sparring ring with Muhammad Ali and had Joe Louis visit them in the gym, writes Craig Birch.

But those are the sort of stories that will be recalled when Billy Gray, who died last month, is laid to rest this week.

A year-long battle with bowel cancer was another fight he saw to the fin-ish and he will be sadly missed, leaving behind his wife Penny and their seven children.

Henry Cooper once called him "Britain's next champion" and, although that never came to pass, he did enough to be con-sidered a challenger of his

Many of the old guard in this part of the world's boxing crowd hadn't seen him for as long as they cared to remember, as he moved to London around the time of turning pro in the mid-1960s. But they will nay their respects at will pay their respects at Streetly Crematorium on Friday from midday.

His brother Ron, a fel-ow former heavyweight fighter and promoter, will lead the tributes. The Gray brothers later promoted boxing bills in Wolverhampton and Lon-don together, before Billy bowed out to concentrate bowed out to concentrate on his business.

Lingard is not on the agenda

KENNY JACKETT has re-REINIT JACKETT has re-turned from a European scouting mission playing down talk of Jesse Lingard joining Wolves as he cooled on signing a left-sided play-

Social media has been awash with talk that the Manchester United young-ster was joining Wolves on loan over the last week or

But, with the transfer window now shut, head coach Jackett maintains there is no interest in the 22-year-old.

The Molineux gaffer has returned from two days on the continent with head of football development Kevin Thelwell admitting he probably won't pursue a loan option to cover Bakary Sako.

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DEAN SMITH will challenge Walsall to make it

DEAN SMITH will challenge Walsall to make it a Wembley double this season by reaching the League One play-offs.

The Saddlers boss knows there is still plenty to play for with his team just four points outside the top six.

And with 10 league games to come between now and the club's date at the home of English football in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy on March 22, Smith feels his side can still make their mark. He said: "It (reaching Wembley) does not take any pressure off at all because we want to go there twice. We are only four or

any pressure off at all be-cause we want to go there twice. We are only four or five points off it and we have, I think, nine games in the next six weeks, so it is going to be a busy per-riod."

It is going to be a busy period."
While his focus is now shifting back to the league, Smith insists Walsall will be going all out to win when their big date at Wembley comes around. "I have been to Wembley and led a team out at Wemblay – and got beat."

ley and led a team out at Wembley – and got beat," said Smith, who captained Leyton Orient in their 1-0 loss to Scunthorpe in the 1999 Third Division playoff final. "It is not a nice

place to go and lose.

"But it is a long way off, we have a lot of games to go before we get there,"

Burntwood match is postponed

BURNTWOOD'S league match with Willen-hall was postponed on Sat-urday due to a waterlogged

trusy due to a waterlogged pitch.

The second team went to Willenhall and lost out 35-7.

It was close game at half time with the hosts 15-7 ahead, Burntwood's points coming from Craig Addy, but an enjoyable contest ended with Willenhall running away and getting well clear of their opponents to take the game.

This Saturday, weather permitting, Burntwood will be welcoming Clee Hill toThe Sportsway for a league fixture.

The Seconds travel to Longton 2nds and the

Longton 2nds and the Thirds will be hosting Ess-

Farrell and Lomas take down Brereton

CK77 beat Bereton Town Fc2-0. Goals came from Ben Farrell(MoM) and Dan Lomas. Dynamo Lamb secured three points by beating Hawkins Sport 4-2 thanks to Arron Wright, Dan Hilditch, Chris Geldart and super sub Jack Seamon

Division 1

Division 1

Nelson Inn obliterated Lea Hall FC 8-0.
Degville hitting four, Jones adding three more and Cope scoring one. Victorious Victoria FC hit a super seven beating Bar Sports 7-1. Lee Thomas bagging three, Matty Burns, Dan Battison, Jimmy Hem-

mings and Joe Ryder all scoring. **Division 2**

Division 2
Brinsford hit four past the Winding wheel, Ebanks(2) Pierson and Doumiba adding to the tally to see them walk away with the points.

Afc Social walked away 5-3 winners against The Bell & Bottle, Dan Phillips(2), Nathan Matthews, Adam Wright and James Massew also scoring.

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Dan Jones and Tim Kingston both scored

twice with Craig Holland adding one to see Slade Fc beat Hawkins Inex 5-2. Miners Rest lost 4-0 to King George Cas-

Division 3

Division 3
Green Heath beat Piper 5-1 to keep the title hopes alive. Cannock Rangers through Alex Millington, Danny Jones, Matty Hemmings, Andy Talbot and Isaac Cooper bagging three beat soldiers 7-1.
White Lion have kept in the race for the title with a 3-1 win over Movecorp. Richard Tapper adding two and Adam Tonks on target to secure three points.

Inform Essington beat Pear tree 4-2 thanks to Luke Speedman (2), Nicholas Heartland and Chris Moore. Steve John-son hit four to see Cannock Social beat The Romping Cat.

Cannock Charity Cup Qtr final
Ashley Gunn and Josh Griffiths helped
Wyrley Jrs progress to the semis with a win
over the Bridge FC.

Cannock Charity Cup round 2

A 15-goal thriller saw Jubilee beat Bow St, Rob Meacham(3), Ash Bentley(2), Jason Pilkington, Brad Fleet and Mike Barham

City bids farewell to local hero Sir Jack

THE West Midlands said a tearful farewell to one of its favourite sons as thousands united for Sir Jack Hayward's funeral.

Thousands of people lined the streets, with parts of the city centre coming to a standstill to pay tribute to the legendary 91-year-old former Wolves owner, who died last month.

In scenes not witnessed for ered in a heaving Queen Square where the service was relayed on a giant screen. Despite the bitter February weather, the fans silently stayed before breaking into cheers, chants and applause as the coffin was carried from the church.

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Hundreds of invited
guests packed into St Peter's Church for the funeral,
attended by Sir Jack's longtime companion Patti Bloom
and his three children Jonathan, Rick and Susan.

Wolves players and managers past and present also

Wolves players and managers past and present also attended the service, which fittingly lasted 90 minutes. Sir Jack's coffin was draped in a Union Flag and had an RAF service uniform placed on top, as well as roses in a floral tribute.

TV presenter Suzi Perry, John Richards, Ron Flowers and Steve Bull were among those paying tribute, as was West Bromwich Albion chairman Jeremy Peace. Jonathan Hayward thanked everyone for attending, including the thousands outside. He and Rick gave readings during an emotional service, while a eulogy came from Sir Jack's friend of 45 years, Baroness Rachael Heyhoe Flint.

The service was 'company with great thought

The service was 'com-posed with great thought

In scenes not witnessed for decades, a huge crowd gath-Football

and detail' by Sir Jack him-

seir.

It included readings of the poems 'If' by Rudyard Kipling and William Blake's 'The Tyger' read by Led Zeppelin singer Robert Plant.

Hymns chosen by the pa-triotic millionaire included Jerusalem and O Valiant Hearts.

There was also The Bat-tle Hymn of the Republic (Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!) explained in the order of service as a 'tribute to the USA, to whom Jack owed so

Wolves chief executive Jez Moxey also made and emo-tional contribution to the service, saying: "We miss you Sir Jack – we love you Jack." Baroness Heyhoe Flint said of her friend: "He runt said of her friend: "He was a role model, highly visible, very approachable, honest and caring. A man who never took a penny out the club.

"We loved him. He was loyal to us. We are so lucky to have shared his life."

As she ended her heartfelt tribute, the congregation broke out into spontaneous



Thousands gathered in Wolverhampton city centre to say farewell to their hero Sir Jack Hayward

Ballistic Gunners shoot up Villa

Arsenal 5 Villa 0
VILLA were sunk by a
second-half spree that
saw Arsenal close the gap
on the Premier League
ton four

on the Premier League top four.
And while Villa's goal drought continues, of equal concern for Paul Lambert will be the ease with which the Gunners ripped apart his team's defence.
Olivier Giroud put the

etence. Olivier Giroud put the Junners ahead on eight Gunners ahead on minutes.

minutes.
Following an improved spell by Villa, whose last Premier League goal came against Manchester United on December 20, Ozil doubled Arsenal's lead early in the second half with another well-taken breakway finish taken breakaway finish.

Theo Walcott scored his second in as many games to make it 3-0 on 63 minutes, with Santi Cazorla adding a fourth from the penalty spot before full-back Hector Bellerin colled in his first senior. rolled in his first senior Arsenal goal in stoppage

Villa, just three points Villa, Just three points above the relegation zone, made a double change as Scott Sinclairmade his debut, with Gabby Agbonlahor also coming on as Tom Cleverley and Weimann went off.

In stoppage-time Bellerin stroked home a fifth from just outside the box.

Crouch signs for two years

PETER CROUCH and Glenn Whelan have signed two-year contract exten-sions with Stoke.

Former England striker Crouch had been linked with a move away from the Britannia Stadium with his

Britannia Stadium with his existing deal due to expire in June, but is now committed to the club until 2017. The 33-year-old joined Stoke from Tottenham in 2011, while Ireland midfelder Whelan, 31, has been with the Potters since 2008, behin the work meeting. helping them win promotion to the Premier League later that year. Keeping Crouch became

even more important after the news that Bojan Krkic has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

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Khalsa move to top spot in table

Sporting Khalsa 3 Cradley Town 0 SPORTING Khalsa moved

into top spot in the West Midlands league with a comfortable victory over neighbours Cradley. All of the damage was done in a first half in which the borse side demissed.

All of the damage was done in a first half in which the home side dominated. The breakthrough came on eight minutes with Craig Bannister who surge forward and finished with aplomb past the onrushing Matt Jones.

The match was effectively sealed as a contest thanks to two quick goals just after the half hour.

First, Robinson – making his home debut at the back for Khalsa – bundled home from a corner before Nicky Campbell slotted home apenalty after Mensah Kinch was felled in the box.

Bladen sounded a warning that Cradley were not completely dead and buried, putting a header over James Pemberton's bar from 12 yards with two minutes to go to the break. go to the break.

go to the break.

Khalsa were unable to press on in the second half and build on their three goal advantage.

First, Jones produced another excellent save, again to deny Townsend just three minutes after the restart and then Bannister was flagged for offside after converting a Kinch cross.

Sako's raring to go, Jackett

WOLVES boss Kenny Jackett claims key winger Bakary Sako is ready to hit the ground running when he returns to Championship action on Saturday.
Sako is in line to make his comeback at home to Reading after missing four Wolves games while on African Cup of Nations duty with Mali.
And Jackett believes his joint seven-goal leading

And Jackett believes nis joint seven-goal leading goalscorer can have a "big finish" to the season. "I think he'll come back well because from his final game last Wednesday to Reading on Saturday is long enough to get over any nie-

Reading on Saturday is long enough to get over any niggles he's had," said Jackett.
"Travelling isn't going to be a problem because he's had a bit of a break.
"But we've given him a few days off to freshen him up for a big finish to the season.He's looking forward to coming back."

Scholars' new boss glad to be back in the fray

revealed his elation at being back in the 'footballing whirlwind'.

'footballing whirlwind'.

Law has replaced Craig Harris, who was relieved of his duties after last weekend's defeat to Coalville, writes Lewis Cox.

The former-Barwell and Tamworth boss is itching to get back into the world of management after various roles have kept him out of the position for two years, citing a settled family life outside of football as a strong platform for him to build a positive environment around The Scholars Ground.

Law was also keen to disclose a soft spot

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Football

for the Scholars, which he believes goes way back to the early days of his management

The former Bristol Rovers and Stafford Rangers goalkeeper said: "Chasetown was my first win as a boss in competitive football, while I was in charge of Racing Club Warwick in the Midland Alliance,

"It feels almost like we're two parties that couldn't keep apart,.

"I think our situations are quite similar,

both looking to get back on track – in truth we both need to stop feeling sorry for ourselves.

"There were similar situations when I went and took over at Barwell and Tam-worth, mid-slump, but together with my ideas and values we were able to turn both of those around into successes."

Law has been working with League Two Shrewsbury Town this season as a first-team scout, and before that was working under Dave Hockaday at Forest Green Rov-ers in the Conference Premier.

He is perhaps best remembered as taking

Tamworth to Everton's Goodison Park in the FA Cup third round in 2012 after making his name guiding Leicestershire-outfit Barwell on an astonishing 61-game unbeaten run.

Harris' successor's first Scholars match will be a daunting trip to third-place Mick-leover Sports in Evo-Stik Division One South, but Law is relishing the opportunity to kick-start his reign.

"Mickleover have assembled a strong squad and are looking to promotion," he said. "I'm looking forward to seeing how my players do up against them."

Johnson has gone

WOLVES have finally said goodbye to outcast Roger Johnson after cancelling the defender's contract following 18 months in first-team exile.

The club announced in

a statement that the £4m signing had departed Molineux by mutual consent.

And striker Leon Clarke also headed out of the club, joining Wigan on loan for the rest of the season.

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Johnson, who arrived at
Wolves from Birmingham in
2011, made 72 appearances
but had been on the transfer list since the summer of
2013 after he had played a
part in back-to-back relegations that took the Molineux
club from the Premier
League to League One.
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He had remained out of the first-team picture since despite being one of Wolves highest earners with his only first-team action com-ing on loan at Sheffield Wednesday and West Ham. A club statement said: "Wolves would like to wish

the defender good luck for

the future."

But boss Kenny Jackett is

happy with his options with the loan window available to the Wolves boss from next

Saddlers meet

Robins in final

WALSALL will face Bristol WALSALL will face Bristol
City at Wembley in the final of the Johnstone's Paint
Trophy following the Robins' 5-3 aggregate win over
Gillingham.
City looked well on their

way to their first trip to Wembley since 2008 after taking a 4-2 lead from the

first leg. The final is on March 22.

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Colwyn Bay 0 Hednesford 3

HEDNESFORD Town's trip to the seaside was a breeze - despite being down to 10 men for most of the

game. They claimed three precious points in their hunt for a play-off place in the Conference North. Pitmen defenders were to the fore in the game's major incidents - centre-back Paul McCone grabbing

a double. And left-back Darren

Campion was shown the early red card.

Town travelled to north Town travelled to north Wales aiming to consolidate that place, knowing a win would also put pressure on those above with several sides facing a weekend off due to postponements.

The Pitmen didn't take too long at the colong at the colong

too long to threaten the Coltoo long to threaten the Col-wyn Bay goal as with only eight minutes played, Cam-pion found space in the pen-alty box only to see his shot hit the side netting.

Marching

But the Hednesford skip-per became the talking point of the first half as with only 18 minutes gone, he was given his marching orders for a strong tackle on Bay substitute Tom Buckley, deemed by the official as se-

rious foul play.

Aggrieved by the decision,
Hednesford reacted well and
looked comfortable in deal-

looked comfortable in dealing with any pressure that Seagulls tried to assert on Dan Crane's goal.

Hednesford ended the half well with a good effort from Jack Thomas just sailing over the bar and a delicate header from Marvin

Football

Robinson going just past the

Town began the second half in similar fashion to how they ended the first, and despite the one-man disadvantage always looked more likely to break the deadlock.

deadlock.

Ben Bailey and Paul McCone both saw headers
tipped over the bar from
Chris Senna before Glenn
Walker also tested the Bay shot stopper with a fizzing effort palmed round the

post.

The Pitmen's second-half pressure was finally rewarded with the opening goal of the game coming from Paul McCone in the 68th minute.

The central defender, still upfield from a previous freekick, latched on Richard Batchelor's flick-on to bury home his third goal of the season. season. Only five minutes later,

McCone was able to double the lead, heading home a perfectly placed cross from Bailey to send the travelling Town supporters into delirious celebrations.

It was to become even better in the 77th minute



Pitmen's Nick Rushton in control during the match at Colwyn Bay which Hednesdford won 3-0

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